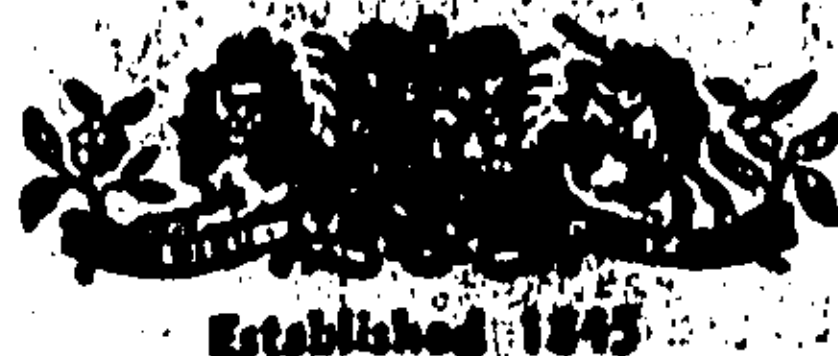


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Jordan Crisis

THE present political crisis in Jordan following the dismissal of the Prime Minister, Mr. Suliman Nabulsi, and the Army Chief of Staff Ali Abu Nuwar, could well lead to a swing in the balance of power in the Middle East. It may if King Hussein manages to retain control even mark a turn in the tide towards reconciliation with the Western Powers.

If King Hussein can manage to retain the support of the Army, an army created by Britain and the only one of consequence among the Arab nations, then he will be able to contain the fervent and over-zealous nationalists who appear to be captivated by President Nasser of Egypt and the Communist-supported radicals.

The pressure on the young King since he was crowned has been tremendous. It was sufficient to dismiss General Glubb, the British appointed commander of the Arab Legion just over a year ago. It was the last act in the abortive attempt to get Jordan to join the Baghdad Pact.

KING Hussein's hopes since then have probably centred on the idea of building up a genuinely independent State. That might have been possible if a strong Jordanian nationalism existed as distinct from Arab nationalism, but the country is an artificial one, created by Britain and sustained until recently by aid from Britain.

There are two main sources of political power in the country. One is the Army, until yesterday led by Ali Abu Nuwar, the Grey Eminence of Jordan, who was the major force behind the dismissal of General Glubb. He saw himself as another Nasser preparing to stage a military coup against the King.

The other force in Jordan is the refugee element living under appalling conditions following their expulsion from Palestine and it is these conditions that have made them ripe for violence.

THE King managed to carry some popularity with this element by his professed anti-British stand but they still remain the unpredictable factor in the balance of power in the country.

It now appears that the Prime Minister and the Chief of Staff were undermining the King's position and preparing to take over the country with the assistance of the Communist-inspired refugees.

The King's sudden and unilateral action in dismissing the Prime Minister and the Army chief seems to point towards a realignment with the West and against Nasser and the Syrians in favour of the Eisenhower doctrine.

If this is the case then the control of Soviet-Egyptian plotting is knocked out of place and there is every likelihood that increased pressure will be put on Jordan in the near future.

HUSSEIN BANISHES THE MAN WHO HELPED OUST GLUBB PASHA FROM THE ARAB LEGION NOW THE KING IS IN CONTROL

New Government Formed BUT DEMONSTRATIONS RAGE IN JORDAN CITIES

London, Apr. 14. Cairo reports say that King Hussein of Jordan had dismissed, arrested and then exiled General Ali Abu Nuwar, the man who is said to have engineered the downfall of Glubb Pasha, head of the Arab Legion.

This was stated today by the Middle East News Agency, which is Egyptian Government sponsored and by the United Press correspondent in Beirut.

A Beirut report said King Hussein was in control in Amman tonight.

But huge crowds are reported to be demonstrating in Jerusalem, Nablus and Ramallah against Hussein.

Loyal Bedouins and conservative elements of the Arab Legion manned tanks and armoured cars to give the King control of the capital, however.

As many as 13 were reported killed in clashes on Saturday night at Zarga Camp, 17 miles north of Amman, between Bedouins of the third regiment, members of the Moslem Brethren Organisation and contingents of artillery supporting General Nuwar.

Both Exiled

The Bedouins are reported to have ordered shops closed and to have shouted slogans calling for the dismissal of General Nuwar and acclaiming King Hussein.

The King stayed the camp after the clashes ended, the report added.

Both former pro-Russian Premier Sulaiman El Nabulsi, who was forced to resign last week, and Ali Abu Nuwar, were reported on their way to exile in Syria. Nuwar was later reported to have arrived in Damascus.

Hussein arrested Nuwar with army units loyal to the throne and placed Nabulsi under something resembling house arrest in his palace.

Tanks and armoured cars manned by loyal Arab Legion men drew up around the palace and infantrymen stood with bayonets ready on all roads leading to Amman.

The King's coup broke the back of the leftist coalition which had forced a stalemate in Hussein's efforts to form a new Cabinet to replace the Nabulsi government with something more conservative.

'Lid Could Blow Off'

The general populace has yet to learn of the King's coup and observers believed that when they do the lid could blow off at any time. Only the Army could hope to control demonstrations that could develop into nationwide violence.

King Hussein's test of strength within the Army itself was by no means over, according to high Jordanian and diplomatic sources.

Hussein's fight for control of the Army reportedly began last week when he began privately sounding out officers on whether they would stick by him.

Nuwar was reported furious when he heard of this and ordered the Army to "maintain order" in a position of strength around Amman.

Nabulsi reportedly averted a military crisis then and the near-escape from open violence reportedly cooled the leftist Premier.

The King demanded and obtained Nabulsi's resignation last week in a dispute over Nabulsi's leftist views.

New Candidate

Nuwar and his officers went along with the political development, confident that Nabulsi would win.

But neither Nabulsi nor Nuwar counted on King Hussein's coup today which undoubtedly saved the Throne, at least for the time being.

It said the King had appointed General Ali El Hiyari to succeed Nuwar, but Reuter said "where was some confusion about such a change".

Hiyari is reported to favour the Baghdad Pact.

The Middle East News Agency said the situation following the Royal Palace announcement yesterday that "irresponsible elements" had tried to stir up trouble in the Jordan Army, was "serious" and said in a dispatch from Amman that a number of Jordanian political leaders had been arrested.

New Cabinet

Meanwhile, a Baghdad report quoting a "Jordanian diplomatic source who had just spoken to the Royal Palace in Amman" said that Said El Mufli, had succeeded in forming a new Cabinet in Jordan.



(Top) Nuwar, the man who was sacked by Hussein (centre) and (below) Glubb Pasha, now Sir John Glubb, who was ousted by Hussein and Nuwar.

Complete Recovery Of Eden Predicted

Boston, Apr. 14. Sir Anthony Eden, resting comfortably after his fourth major operation in four years, today looked forward to a complete recovery from the intestinal trouble which has plagued him since 1953.

Although the doctors noted a mild degree of fever today, they said it was a normal post-operative reaction and Sir Anthony's general condition was satisfactory.

After observing yesterday's operation at the New England Baptist Hospital, Sir Anthony's personal physician, Sir Horace Evans, reassured that Sir Anthony could look forward to a complete recovery, few home to Britain today after a morning consultation with American doctors.

A bulletin issued today by the Lacey Clinic, diagnostic arm of the hospital, said:

RETURNING

"He had a reasonable comfortable night. His general condition this morning is satisfactory. There is a mild degree of fever which is a normal post-operative reaction at this time."

"Sir Horace Evans is returning to London today after visiting the hospital this morning for consultation with Dr. Richard Cattell and Dr. John W. Norcross, of the Lacey Clinic."

After yesterday's 75-minute operation to relieve a bile duct obstruction, doctors announced: "There was no inflammation and no malignancy, which was the operation, said Sir Anthony had withstood it very well."

Dr. Cattell said there were "reasonable prospects" of complete recovery.—United Press

Aga Khan Better

Cannes, Apr. 14. The health of 80-year-old Aga Khan, who was lately reported ill, has much improved, his wife, the Begum, said today. She said he was much thinner.

Today, the Aga Khan took a drive in brilliant sunshine in the new Mercedes recently given to him by his second son, Sadrudin.—France-Press.

'Sell Your Jewels'

New Delhi, Apr. 14. The Indian Premier Jawaharlal Nehru appealed to the Indian people today to sell part of their gold and jewellery to the Government to help relieve India's difficult foreign exchange position.—United Press.

Big Robbery

Casablanca, Apr. 14. The American Express Company branch of the U.S. air base at Nouacour was robbed of \$2,000,000 francs (US\$35,000) last Thursday night, police revealed today.—United Press.

SOVIET DESTROYERS HEAD FOR OPEN SEA

Copenhagen, Apr. 14. A Soviet destroyer flotilla headed for the open sea today after 24 hours of mysterious manoeuvres near the narrow entrance to the Kattegat, the strategic waterway linking the North and Baltic Seas.

Many observers believe the manoeuvres were designed to increase pressure on Denmark, a NATO member which has been under intensive diplomatic fire from Moscow for the last two weeks.

Danish patrol vessels had maintained a constant watch on three Soviet destroyers as they cruised between the Danish island of Læsø and the Skaw Lighthouse.

A spokesman at Copenhagen naval headquarters said the Danish warships "observed" the Soviet destroyers, believed to be of the Leningrad class, and turned the watch over to Norwegian naval patrols.

He said a Soviet tanker remained at anchor off Læsø. A Danish naval spokesman said Soviet warships had carefully avoided violating Danish territorial waters.—United Press.

Big Outbreaks Of Flu And Measles In Colony —DOCTORS HAVE A BUSY TIME—

Hongkong has had its worst outbreak of measles on record this year—and now thousands—men, women and children—are going down with flu and are giving Colony doctors one of the busiest spells they can remember.

A senior Government health officer said: "We've had more cases than we've ever recorded before." In the first quarter of this year there were four times the number of cases in the first quarter of last year.

The flu outbreak is more difficult to assess. It is not a notifiable disease. But reports from all over the Colony say hundreds have been stricken.

At Kowloon outpatients clinic one morning last week two doctors worked flat out treating 160 government employees—AND HAD TO TURN AWAY 200 MORE because they couldn't cope with the numbers.

School classrooms have been particularly badly hit, first with measles and now with flu. And to make matters worse, chicken pox and German measles are reported in large numbers.

On Saturday, the Headmistress of St. Paul's College Co-educational, Miss B. Kowell reported that 49 of her 480 primary school students were away with influenza, measles or German measles. "This is a record number," she said.

Dying Down

The Senior Government Health Officer, Dr. A. H. F. Coombes, told "The China Mail" that notified cases of measles in the three months to March 31 totalled 643 with 41 deaths. The total for the whole of last year was 709 with 88 deaths. According to the Government statistics between January and March last year there were only 148 cases notified.

These figures show, therefore, that in three months Hongkong has had only 66 less than for the whole of last year, and more than four times as many in the first quarter this year as in the first quarter last year.

Dr. Coombes said the actual number of cases was always much higher than the number of notified cases because many Chinese people did not get Western medical practitioners to treat them.

A comparison of figures for March, 1957 with March, 1956 shows that this year there were almost three times the number notified last year—103 against 78. At this time of year, however, measles figures are generally higher than at most other times of the year.

Now the measles outbreak seems to be dying down.

Not All Notified

Explaining the death rate, Dr. Coombes said: "Whereas not all measles cases are notified, all deaths are. In many instances babies who have died of pneumonia are brought in with a measles rash on them—and they are included in the number who have died of measles."

Dr. Coombes said a number of schools in the Colony had reported being badly hit by measles and the European community had also reported many cases.

Measles epidemic, he said, seemed to occur in waves every two or three years. Following a "bad" year, the incidence was generally lower. "I don't know if there is any particular reason for that—it is just the way of the thing," he added.

Miss D. I. Ogilvie, Headmistress of the Peak School, said: "Measles has been right through the school. It started with the five-year-olds and went right up to the 12-year-olds."

"A tremendous number have been down with it. It is dying out—and now the children are getting chicken pox. But the (Contd. on back page, Col. 5)

Young French Authoress Badly Hurt In Car Crash

Paris, Apr. 14. Francoise Sagan, authoress of the best-selling novel "Bonjour Tristesse," was critically injured today when her Aston-Martin sports car swerved at high speed, leaped a ditch and rolled over several times in an open field.

Her three passengers—Veronique Campion, Bernard Frank and Philippe Klein (all film and literary figures)—were also hurt but not seriously.

Miss Sagan, 21, remarked a year ago "I love to drive 200 kilometres (125 miles) an hour barefoot," and was publicly warned by Paris Police officials to drive carefully or have her license taken away.

Tonight she was in a coma in the oxygen tent of a Paris hospital.

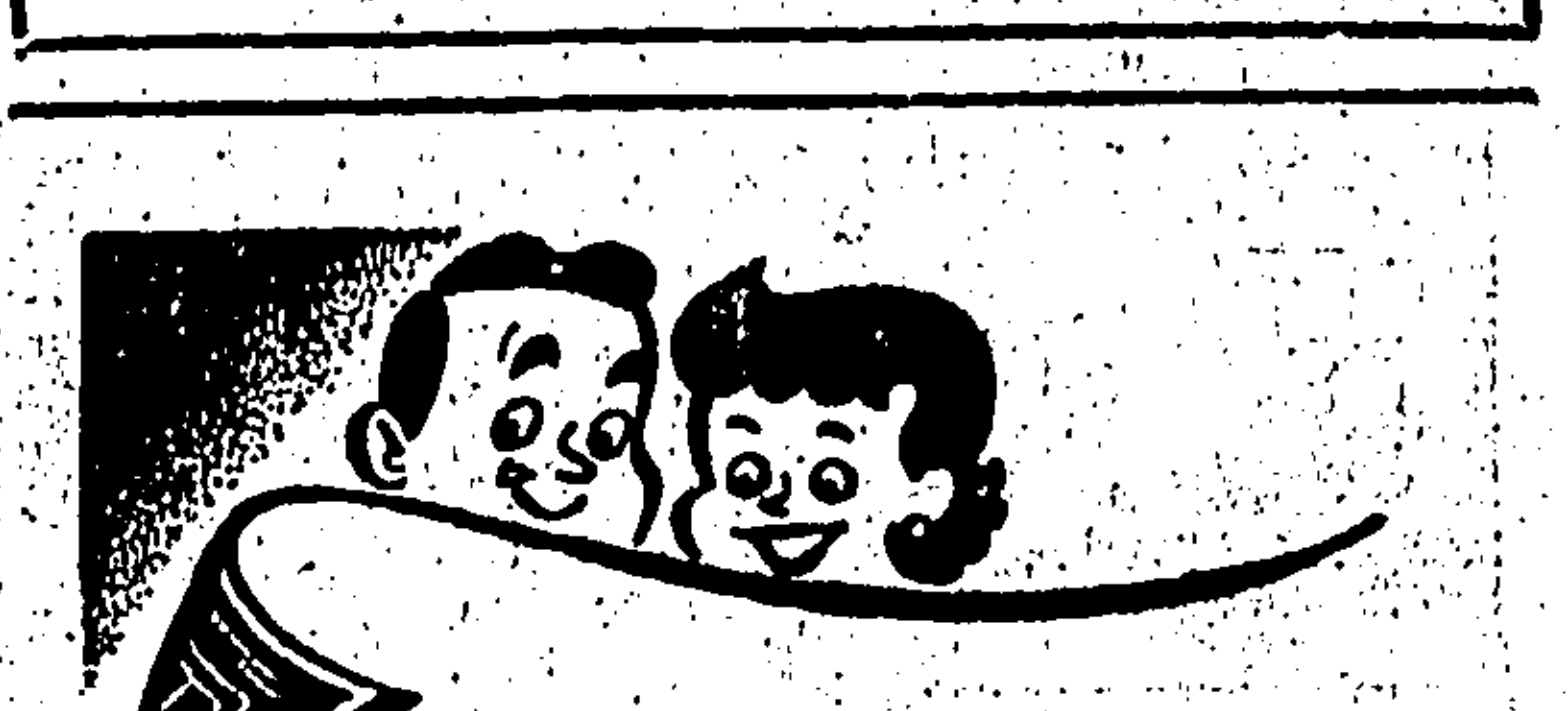
Severe Concussion

The young writer, who was suffering from severe concussion internal injuries and shock, was in a serious condition.

She was taken to the Mallet Clinic in Paris after receiving first aid at the Corbell hospital near the scene of the accident.

Francoise Sagan's first novel, "Bonjour Tristesse," published when she was 18, was acclaimed by critics as a masterpiece. Her second novel, "Un Certain Sourire" (A Certain Smile) was equally popular.—France-Press.

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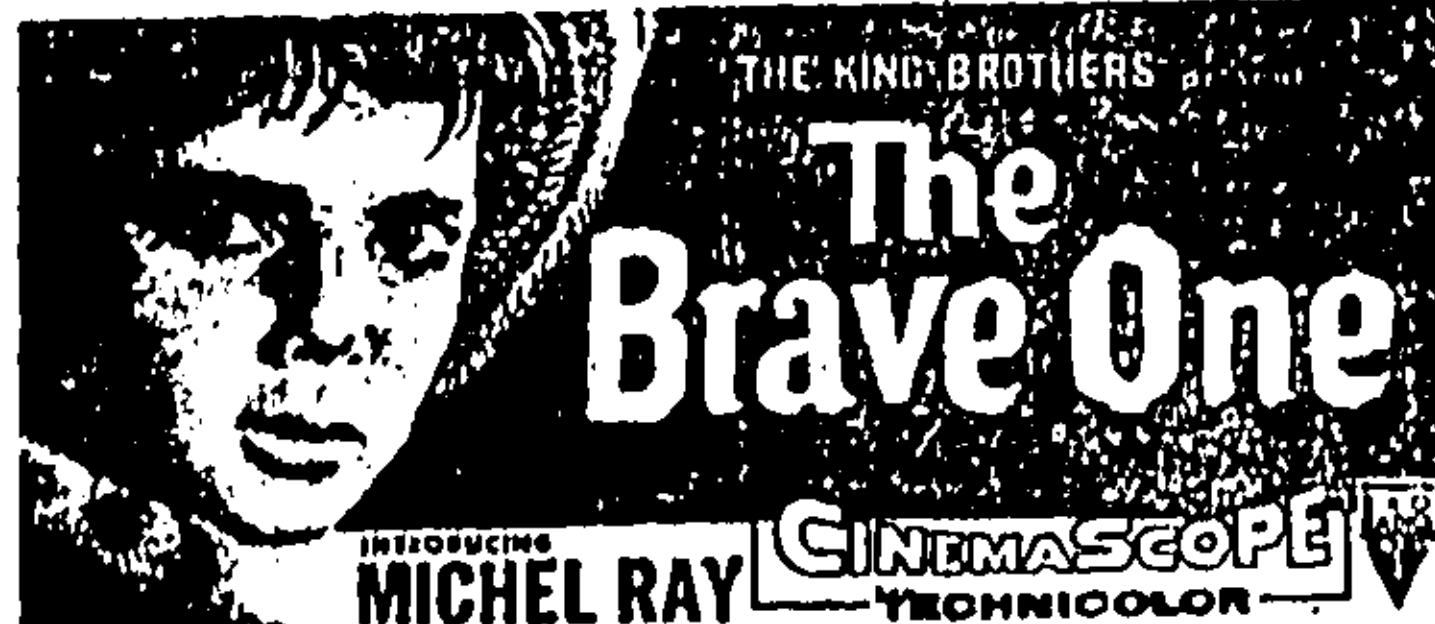
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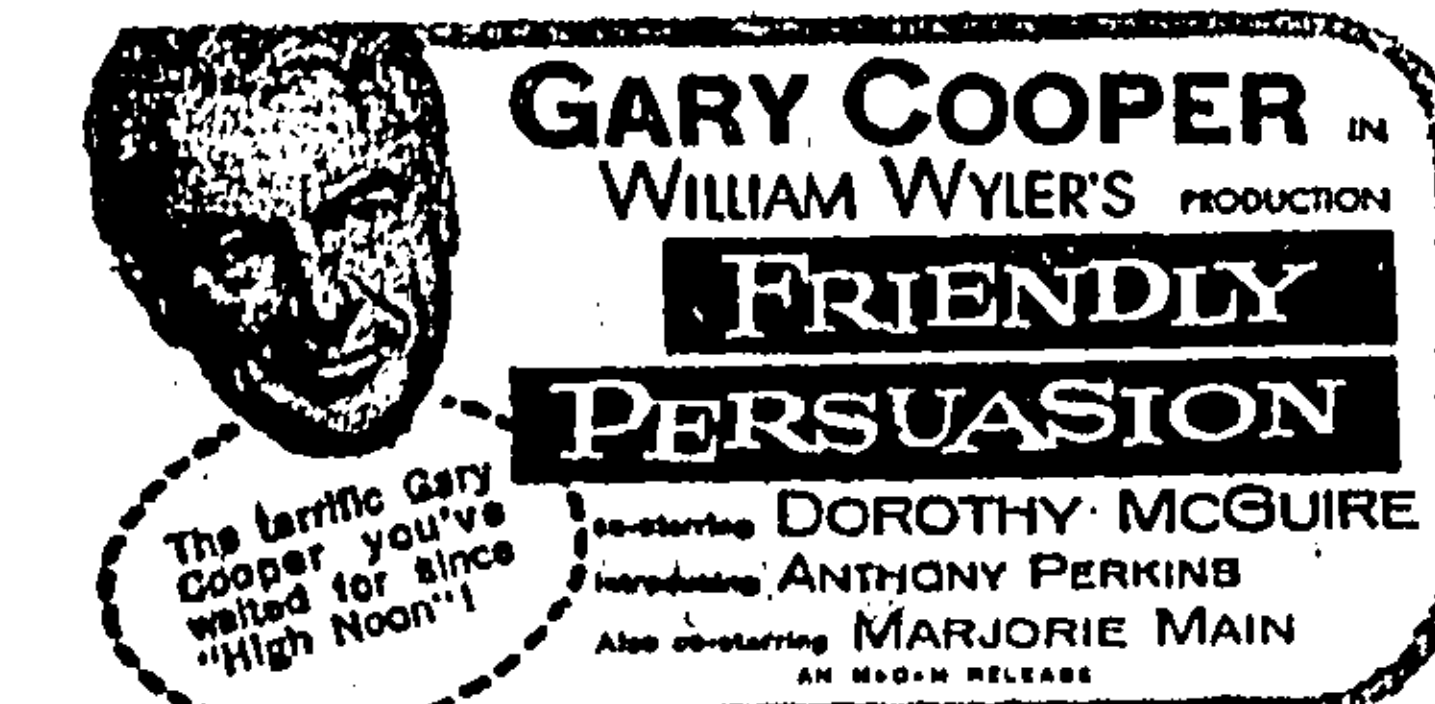


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UN READY IN KOREA

Soldiers Practise 'Scrams' As Part Of Regular Routine

Seoul, Apr. 15.

At any time, day or night, United Nations soldiers in Korea are ready to take to the hills and hold a prepared 155-mile defence line across the peninsula.

Except for a few veterans, the men are new. The tanks, guns, vehicles, aircraft, and almost everything else is the same as was used when the fighting ended in 1953.

The Commander of the United States 1st Corps, 8th Army, Lieutenant-General A. C. Trueman, told Reuters that equipment is in perfect order and generally equal to anything the Communists have, although in the course of time obsolescent equipment could become a serious handicap.

Article three of the Korean Armistice Agreement prohibits bringing new weapons or new types of weapon into Korea and limits the quantities of existing types to replacements only.

'Made A Farce'

General Trueman said it is well known that the Communists in the North have "made a farce" of this clause by bringing in their most up-to-date jet fighters, bombers, tanks and guns in whatever quantities they desired.

He said that the United Nations have meticulously observed the Armistice. British Commonwealth contingent officers say that their jeep and trucks, for example, will soon be beyond repair and in any case are so old that spare parts are no longer available in sufficient quantities.

Most officers agree, however, that the gradual obsolescence of their equipment raises no immediate problem. And they believe that there would be a change in policy before the situation became serious.

The morale and efficiency of the men leaves no room for misgiving. A programme of training accustomed the men to active fighting conditions and rapid change-over from "peace-time" to the field at short notice, known as "scrams", has been accepted and practised enthusiastically by officers and men alike.

The British Royal Sussex Battalion particularly has distinguished itself by its "toughening up" programme, commanded by Lieutenant-Colonel R. B. de F. Sleeman, OBE, MC. It landed in Korea in August last year and surprised the "old hands" by marching 140 miles across the Korean countryside "to get the kinks out after a long boat trip."

British Ready

In co-operation with the United States 21st Infantry Regiment, to which it is attached, the battalion constantly practises "scrams." There is no confusion when the order to deploy is received. Within minutes, the men are in battle formation, ready to move, and cook-houses and medical aid posts are set up.

The exercises are held regardless of weather conditions. In winter, the ground may be frozen solid and covered with a foot or more of snow and the temperature somewhere near zero.

The Royal Sussex man 1,200 yards of defence line astride the historic invasion route into South Korea. A road, one of the most vital military roads in Korea, runs through their position. The road and narrow valley floor are flanked by rugged hills.

To the front, the British troops command a perfect view of a plain which any invaders must cross. It was near here that the Communists made their famous stand in the spring of 1951. Only twelve men and one officer walked out after the battalion was surrounded by Chinese. Their action slowed down the Communist advance and gave United Nations time to reform.

Royal Sussex

The hard working Royal Sussex have become a source of interest among United States soldiers. Colonel George McGee, Commander of the 31st Infantry Regiment, to which the Royal Sussex is attached, said that they had been "impressed with the Battalion's constant pre-

gressional approach to the business of soldiering." The United States 24th and 7th Infantry Divisions also work hard on training programmes.

Regular Marches

Regular marches, with plenty of hill climbing, and active sports programme, and the hard but healthy climate of the Korean countryside, keep the men in peak condition.

The United States now has two divisions in Korea and the Republic of Korea has 21. Other United Nations units are the British Commonwealth Contingent (a battalion with supporting transport, medical, ordnance, signals and administrative units), a brigade of Turks, a battalion of Ethiopians, a company of Thais, and a token French group. When the armistice was signed in 1953, United Nations forces totalled 400,000 men, organized into 10 South Korean (ROK) divisions, eight American divisions, one British Commonwealth division, and many smaller units. —Reuters.

Jungle Cat Loose In Miami

Miami, Apr. 14.

An armed big game hunter stalked the northern outskirts of Miami today but found no trace of a half-grown South American jungle cat which has been on the loose for three days.

The Humane Society hunter, Howard La Mont, has been ordered to "shoot to kill" the year-old ocelot, a near kin to the deadly leopard.

The jungle cat broke its chains at a private home in Miami on Thursday. A relentless search has been going on since that time.

But no one has seen the ocelot for some time now, and authorities are worried what might happen if they don't catch it.

Miami Humane Society director Charles Pusey said if the ocelot ever gets mad and attacks anyone it could tear a person's arm off with little difficulty.

The ocelot, about three and one half feet long, has a brown coat and black spots. The animal, named Jabo, weighs about 30 pounds.

Residents of the Miami area have been warned to keep clear of the animal if he is seen, and they were warned to keep a close watch on children, cats and dogs. —United Press.

Parachuting Banned

Auckland, Apr. 14.

Display parachute jumping in New Zealand has been banned, and in the meantime parachutes will be used only in cases of emergency.

The ban follows the death of a 19-year-old youth who plunged into Mangere harbour when his parachute failed to open when he was taking part in a display at Auckland.

A special committee is inquiring into parachute jumping generally and may remove the ban if proper safeguards can be devised. —China Mail Special.

'The Majestas' In Wales



"The Majestas" the 16th figure of Christ by Sir Jacob Epstein, erected on the apex of the parabola arch which spans the nave of restored Llandaff Cathedral, in Wales. It is backed by a new organ loft in contemporary style. Epstein spent 15 months on the figure of Christ, which is regarded as his greatest work. —Central Press Photo.

NASSER WANTS TO BE FRIENDS WITH UK AND FRANCE

...But Not With Present Govts

Paris, Apr. 14.

President Gamal Abdel Nasser of Egypt says he would like to be friends again with France and Britain but not with their present governments, according to an interview published today in the weekly "Dimanche Matin."

Nasser granted the interview to editor Roger Capgras on March 8 but it was printed only today.

Nasser said in the interview it was the first he had given a French journalist since last October. It lasted three hours.

"Dimanche Matin" splashed it on page one under the banner-line "Three hours with Nasser," and the sub-heading, "It is not too late to keep the friendship of the Egyptians."

The interview, including Capgras's questions, ran to about 2,500 words.

Lose Faith

Capgras, through a member of the French right-wing most of whose members are thoroughly hostile to Nasser, has been arguing since Nasser seized the Suez Canal last July 26 that it would do France no good to break with him.

Nasser also said in the interview that:

The Franco-British invasion of Suez "makes me lose faith in democracy."

He admires the "stability" of the Portuguese system of government and is using it as a model for the Egyptian legislative elections.

He views history as Leo Tolstoy did—"history makes itself, without us, and the duty of the statesman is to follow its course without trying to modify it by words which are often needless and always imprudent."

When the Israelis and Franco-British invaded Egypt, "I ordered a general retreat of the Egyptian Army behind the Canal, because I have no pride when it is necessary to save human lives, and I decided to put confidence in the United Nations Assembly and the wisdom of the whole world."

Capgras, 56, praised Nasser more highly than any French writer has done since the Canal seizure, as "a sane, intelligent and sincere man" of "strength and loyalty."

"The clasp of his strong hand, his way of looking you straight in the eye, the friendly expression of his smiling visage are the proofs of exceptional moral and physical strength."

French Lighter

Excerpts of what Nasser said in the interview:

"My cigarette lighter is French, my necktie is French, the material in my suit is English. But I have to give up American cigarettes because our tobacco shops no longer have them."

"For four months I have abstained from speaking in public, on the radio, during press conferences while the French, British and Israeli government chiefs have not stopped explaining the events of their fashion." —United Press.

NO SMOG HEATING

Richland, Apr. 14. Within a few decades, factories, office buildings and other large buildings might be heated atomically "without a speck of soot, an ounce of ash, or a cubic foot of smoke," according to Mr. S. L. Nelson, manager of one of the processing operations at an atomic unit.

He said that successful use of reactor waste heat for buildings at his centre had shown that dirt-free atomic heating was technically feasible. —Reuters.

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The Queen Goes To The Opera

LAKE DISAPPEARS OVERNIGHT

Wellington, Apr. 14. New Zealand has lost one of its many lakes. It vanished overnight and no one knows how or where. The lake, a comparatively small one, was situated on a sheep station in the hill country of Hawke's Bay. It was precisely circular and between 85 and 90 feet deep, its bed being in the form of an inverted cone — almost certainly of volcanic origin. The lake vanished shortly before a slight earthquake was felt in the area. The millions of gallons of water which vanished from the cone left no trace. Nearby streams on lower country did not increase in volume or become muddied. Woods and water lilies growing on the surface of the lake vanished with the water, the sloping sides of the lake bed being left clear of any vegetation. The lake was only about twenty years old, before that it was only a large water hole. The hole filled and remained filled until it reverted to a muddy water hole overnight. A possible clue to its disappearance is the presence of caves in the vicinity. — Reuter.

Red China's Coal Supplies Lagging

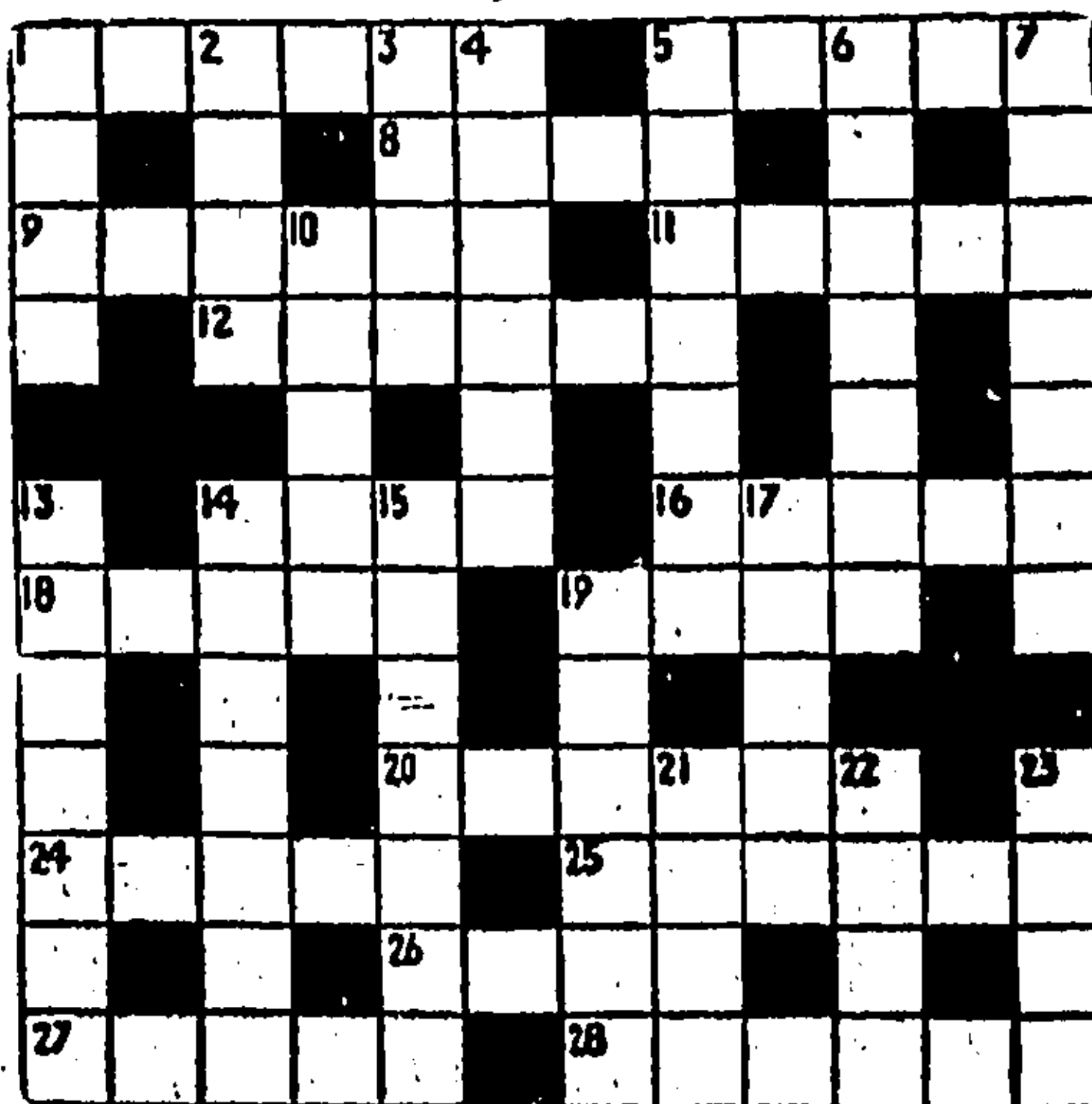
Tokyo, Apr. 14. Communist China admitted today that coal supplies are lagging behind growing needs and announced a new programme to boost production.

Radio Peking said small pit mine operations will be restored and new ones opened in an effort to increase coal production which the radio said last year totalled 105 million tons.

A directive of the Communist State Council said "People's Councils" in counties and cities and agricultural and handicraft co-operatives may start operating small pits to extract coal for their own consumption, according to the radio.

The radio said last year's coal production of 105 million tons in state-owned mines was 85 per cent higher than in 1952 but still not enough for growing needs. — United Press.

A British Crossword Puzzle



- ACROSS**
- 1 Dig up (4)
 - 2 Land measures (5)
 - 3 Sign (4)
 - 4 Entertain sumptuously (6)
 - 5 Bring on (5)
 - 6 Turns inside out (6)
 - 7 Hoop (4)
 - 8 Attempt (5)
 - 9 Resident (5)
 - 10 Lazy (4)
 - 11 Fool (4)
 - 12 Wall recess (5)
 - 13 Come into view (6)
 - 14 Not a letter—but it could be! (4)
 - 15 Ceremonies (5)
 - 16 Border (6)
- DOWN**
- 1 Nobleman (4)
 - 2 Enormous (4)
 - 3 Breakwater often underground (4)
 - 4 Come out (6)
 - 5 Aromatic stimulant (7)
 - 6 Hermit (7)
 - 7 Takes a general view (7)
 - 8 Shun (5)
 - 9 Sailor (7)
 - 10 Animal (7)
 - 11 Diminutive (7)
 - 12 Slumber (6)
 - 13 Inborn (6)
 - 14 Hastened (4)
 - 15 Prefix for "half" (4)
 - 16 Boast (4)

SATURDAY'S CROSSWORD. Across: 1 Split, 4 Camp, 5 U.S. Ardour, 10 Truce, 12 Series, 14 Treble, 17 Sell, 19 Accuse, 20 Iterate, 22 Dene, 23 Editing, 27 Tender, 29 Able, 30 Domain, 31 Salary, 32 Scene. Down: 1 Start, 2 Lodge, 3 Trust, 4 Asit, 6 Faint, 7 Stain, 9 Related, 11 Result, 13 Recede, 15 Tail, 16 Street, 18 Leap, 20 Ideal, 21 Satiate, 23 Iron, 25 Image, 26 Grain, 28 Ness.

Report 'Based On Talks With Top Policy Makers—And Dulles'

New York, Apr. 14. An article in the Saturday Evening Post, mass-circulation weekly magazine, said today that Britain and France "tricked and deceived" the United States by their attack on Egypt.

Damaree Bess, who has reported international affairs for more than 30 years, wrote under the headline "How our allies tricked us" what he termed "a crime story" about "just how they pulled us into the Middle Eastern mess."

The magazine, with a circulation of 5,355,000 weekly, said the report was based on talks with "the foremost American policy makers, including

Secretary Dulles and his principal assistants."

Bess wrote that President Eisenhower and Dulles had opposed British and French demands for an invasion of Egypt since 1953. The final Anglo-French decision came at a private meeting in Paris last October between British Prime Minister Sir Anthony Eden and French Premier Guy Mollet, Bess said, and "no word of what transpired in that meeting was sent to President Eisenhower or anyone else in the American Government. So it is clear that the British and French Premiers agreed to conceal their decision from Washington and even from some members of their own cabinets. Eden and Mollet, American officials do not know just which British and French officials know about the black-out plan."

EAST GERMANS SUPPORT PROTEST

Berlin, Apr. 14. Seven East German atomic physicists today announced their support of the 18 West German scientists' attack on the stationing and manufacture of atomic weapons on German territory.

Speaking for six colleagues of the Dresden Institute of Atomic Physics, East German physicist, Manfred Von Ardenne, read a statement over the East Berlin radio, supporting the position of the 18 scientists. The statement stressed the dangers for the German people, in particular of an intensification of the atomic armaments race.

The East German physicist recalled that a single 1955 hydrogen bomb was capable of completely destroying a city the size of New York, Berlin or Paris.

Von Ardenne denied Western press reports that the United States would be ahead of the Soviet Union in the field of atomic guided missiles in 1958. The reports said the USSR would not be able to produce similar weapons until 1960. Von Ardenne cast doubts on the accuracy of the reports, on the basis of a trip to the Crimea. — France-Press.

Tokyo, Apr. 15. Polish Premier Josef Cyrankiewicz and his party Gyranek today made their one week visit to Communist China and left from Shenyang (formerly Mukden) for home. Radio Peking reported today.

Before taking off he sent off a message to Chairman Mao Tse-tung and another to Premier Chou En-lai thanking the two Chinese leaders for the hospitality accorded the party. — United Press.

Principal Crime

Bess said that American officials believe that British Foreign Minister Selwyn Lloyd, then in New York negotiating with Egypt on the Suez Canal, "was as much in the dark as they were about the Anglo-French decision."

"The principal crime," Bess said, "was the Anglo-French concealment of their Egyptian gambit from their chief ally." He said there was "no parallel for this strange deception to believe British and French explanations of what transpired rather than US spokesmen."

He said Sir Winston Churchill's government planned in 1953 "precisely the same police action in Egypt, which finally was launched last October... They proposed thus to set up a more pliable Egyptian Government, as they had often done in the past."

After Dulles visited the Middle East early in 1953, Bess said, he reported to President Eisenhower that the US position there had become "dangerously unbalanced" because it had not taken into account Arab anti-Western feeling. Bess said, "expressed confidence that it could establish its prestige in the Middle East by forcible occupation of Egypt. President Eisenhower, immediately and emphatically, opposed the British proposal."

Bess said the 1953 plan never became public because it was discussed "only at the highest levels." Debate between Washington and London went on from that time over the project, he said. "Time and again the American President and his Secretary of State were urged to change their minds. Time and again they refused."

Bess said the US considered using force after the Egyptian arms deal with the Soviet bloc. Sir Anthony Eden in 1956 visited Washington to plead with President Eisenhower for support of the use of force, but, Bess said, Eisenhower and Dulles concluded it would mean more harm than good to the West.

Anglo-French plans for an attack last July were "subdued" by a personal Eisenhower letter to Eden, Bess said, but their secret decision followed in October.

"Good News"

He said Eisenhower's much-criticized campaign speech about "good news" from the Middle East on the eve of the attack was made because Lloyd had told Dulles "that the prospects for a peaceful settlement with Egypt through the UN looked better than ever before."

"The British and French deceived President Eisenhower and Secretary Dulles last October because they had not been able to persuade them in almost four years of high-level discussions to undertake the forcible occupation of Egypt," Bess wrote. "They did not want to give the American President another chance to talk them out of their planned invasion of Egypt. The attack proved to be even more disastrous than Americans had predicted, the responsible politicians in London and Paris naturally tried to put as much blame as possible on the British side."

DOCTORS CAN USE NO PARKING ZONES

Bonn, Apr. 14. Doctors in West Germany will in future be allowed to park their cars in "No Parking" zones if they are called to treat emergency cases, the West German Transport Minister, Dr. Hans Christoph Seebohm, announced.

Dr. Seebohm, answering a question in Parliament, said the permission was for the time being "on a trial basis."

"The cars of doctors would have to take special stickers on the windshield," Dr. Seebohm said. The authorities felt unable to permit doctors to drive in the wrong direction in one way streets, not even in extremely urgent cases. — China Mail Special.

DESCENDANTS OF THE SAMARITANS HOLD PASSOVER

By ELIJAH SIMON

Jerusalem, Jordan Sector, Apr. 14. A small religious community from Israel and Jordan yesterday peacefully celebrated the ancient passover feast in Mount Gerizim, Jordan.

The Samaritans, descendants of an ancient and once mighty nation in Palestine, met in Mount Gerizim, near Nablus, Jordan, their holy place, to re-live their old traditions.

One hundred and twenty Samaritans, almost the entire community living in Israel, crossed Jordanian territory on Friday morning. Admission was given to all of them. Some of the celebrants were transported aboard army trucks to Gerizim to be present at the passover rites.

HIGH PRIEST

They joined in the larger Samaritan community living in Nablus, one of the chief towns of Jordan. It lies barely 12 miles across the border from Israel.

Before sunset, the high priest of the sect mounted a stone platform, near the altar, and prepared the roast from "seven perfect lambs" which were to be sacrificed.

The Samaritan men, separated in two groups, prayed and officiated at the altar. The worshippers praying manner was highly reminiscent of Moslem prayers.

As the sun approached the horizon, the high priest, who claims to be direct descendant from Aaron, brother of Moses, mounted the stones and recited

Even Russia Has A Monroe

Moscow, Apr. 14. A Soviet film director has been taken to task for concentrating unduly on the "heavy external gifts" of Erina Skobitskaya, a gorgeous blonde known to the West as "the Russian Marilyn Monroe."

Erina Skobitskaya, or "Erina" to her fans, is noted for having "come" to a foreigner. "Sex appeal does not count in the Soviet Union."

But Mr. A. Stolber, the director of her new film, "An ordinary person," evidently thought otherwise. He included a scene, unusual for Soviet films, of her lying in a sultry pose on a beach. Still more unusually, she is dressed in a low cut strapless bathing suit.

This was too much for Mr. A. Nikolayev, a critic writing in the newspaper "Evening Moscow."

He declared: "Erina Skobitskaya plays at standard 'femme fatale'—affected poses, mysterious glances, dead-pan face and lips trembling nervously. That is her outward appearance."

"The director was obviously carried away by the actress' heavy external gifts, and showed her off instead of trying to create an image," China Mail Special.



The Queen is escorted by her host, President Rene Coty (right) as she leaves the Elysee Palace in Paris to attend a gala performance of the Opera. — Reuterphoto.

COMMUNIST PAINTINGS 'STERILE'

Prague, Apr. 14. The first exhibition of abstract painting here since the Communists came to power nine years ago has been attacked in Rude Pravo, the official Communist newspaper, as a "sterile flower of the decadent bourgeois world."

The exhibition shows 60 paintings done between 1948 and last year by Jan Kollár, a 41-year-old Czechoslovak painter schooled in Italy and France.

It is the most daring departure from "Socialist realism," the Soviet-inspired artistic doctrine preached in all Communist countries, to be seen here since 1948.

"Socialist realism," says artists, should concentrate on factories and other scenes from the life of the working people, presenting them in rigidly true-to-life colours with almost photographic realism.

Rude Pravo said that "Comrade Kollár" attempts to introduce abstract painting to Czechoslovakia as a "retrograde step," showing indifference to the need for ideology in art.

"This art is harmful. It is an empty art, without spirit, an art for a mobbish public, for over-replete gluttons and 99 per cent of it is not art anyway." — China Mail Special.

SOVIET ACTORS REFUSED ENTRY TO W. GERMANY

Cologne, Apr. 14. Three Soviet motion picture actors have been refused entry into West Germany for a premiere of their prize-winning film "The Moor of Venice," German film officials said today.

The movie, based on Shakespeare's "Othello," was awarded a Cannes film festival prize last year for the best staging. The three actors were to appear at the first German showing here on Tuesday.

A spokesman for the film distributing company said that the government gave no grounds for its refusal. — United Press.

COMPARISON OF FRENCH ARMY AND GESTAPO TERMED 'SCANDALOUS'

Chalons-sur-Marne, Apr. 14. French Premier, Guy Mollet, said today the Algerian rebel leaders continued to reject the free elections proposed by the government "because they know well that they do not represent the Algerian population."

Speaking at a Socialist Party meeting in Chalons, Mollet said the rebel chiefs knew they would lose such elections and thus wanted to negotiate. "They want us to recognise what the Algerian Moslems, faithful to France, refuse to grant them," he said.

The Premier declared that if the government had abandoned Algeria, this would have resulted in "the most tragic of civil wars." Over one million Europeans would have been threatened with death or obliged to flee, while the Moslems would have lost their freedom and fallen under feudal rulers, he asserted.

Mollet vigorously rejected recent charges of alleged brutality, reprisals and torture by French army and police in Algeria. He said: "There probably have been some extremely rare acts of violence, but they followed the fighting and unspeakable atrocities of the terrorists."

Generalisation

Mollet termed "scandalous" the comparisons made between the French army and the Gestapo. He declared: "After giving orders which advocated these barbaric methods, while the French Resident Minister, Robert Lacoste, and I have always given orders to the contrary."

Mollet added: "Seven hundred thousand men passed through Algeria, and we will not permit a few isolated and certainly reprehensible cases to throw discredit on the whole French army."

Speaking of economic problems, the Premier warned that "the coming hours will be difficult." He declared he would not allow the franc to drop "for that would nullify the social advantages which have been granted to underprivileged French people."

New taxes were, however, inevitable, he said. — France-Press.

CONCERN OVER USIS CUT

Washington, Apr. 14. President Eisenhower expressed deep concern over the reduction of credits at present threatening the American Information Services programme, in a letter released today.

The President's letter was read by Representative John Rooney (Democrat) to the House Finance Sub-committee, of which he is Chairman, last Friday.

Rooney said, however, that he could not conscientiously say that the American Information Services had given taxpayers their money's worth.

In his letter to Rooney, President Eisenhower insisted on the need for devoting the Information Services to the Middle East, Africa and the Far East.

PALM SUNDAY BLESSING BY THE POPE

Vatican City, Apr. 14. Pope Pius XII. defied a damp chilly wind today to impart a Palm Sunday blessing from his window to a crowd of thousands waving olive branches on the wet cobblestones of St. Peter's Square.

The white-clad Pontiff, who was 81 last month, stood in his study window for more than a minute, opening his arms in the familiar gesture of benediction toward the estimated 40,000 persons who had massed in the square at noon, under a leaden sky.

Scattered rain showers earlier in the day had failed to disrupt Palm Sunday processions to the eternal city's 447 churches on this opening day of the Roman Catholic Holy Week.

The Pontiff started his day in prayer before receiving a highly decorated palm, symbol of the leaves the citizens of Jerusalem strewed on the path of Christ when he entered their city 1924 years ago.

Belgian-born Papal Secretary of State Cardinal Giovanni Montini handed the palm to the Pontiff in a 10-minute audience.

Half an hour later the Pope received Japanese "Sho-atom-bomb" Envoy Masahito Matsushita, who reported briefly to him on his mission to Britain. — United Press.

Letter Delivered After 31 Years

Wellington, Apr. 14. A letter posted in Wellington 31 years ago was delivered recently to the son of the addressee.

A group of Wellington girl guides was unwrapping goods for a jumble sale when the letter was found inside an old sewing bag. It had not been opened and the guide captain returned it to the post office with an explanation of its discovery.

The letter was duly delivered but not to the addressee, who is deceased. It is not known why the letter was placed in the sewing bag but it is thought that it had been delivered originally and mislaid by the wife of the addressee. — China Mail Special.

RUSSIAN PUBLICATION OPENS COLUMN FOR WEST GERMAN WRITER

Moscow, Apr. 14. For the first time since World War II, an official Soviet publication has offered its columns to a prominent West German writer for a frank discussion of the problem of German reunification.

Memorandumovye Znan, the semi-official organ of the Soviet Foreign Ministry, published an article by Paul Sethe, political editor of the Hamburg newspaper Die Welt, pleading for a Russian effort to understand the West German point of view.

Starting with the premise that, in spite of two world wars, the Soviet people do not hate the German people, Sethe said the Soviet Union must believe that the German people indignantly reject a new war particularly against the Soviet Union, said Sethe.

But the Russians must further understand that "the majority of West Germany's citizens live in constant fear that the Soviet system might be imposed (upon them) against their will, and unconsciously

the Soviet Union does very little to relieve citizens of the Federal Republic from such fear," his article added.

On the subject of reunification, Sethe's article in the Russian magazine said "West Germany feared that 'unification might bring West Germany a regime which the Soviet Union considers appropriate, but which would be contrary to the wishes of the people.'"

PART SEVEN OF
OUR SERIAL

Deadly Foxgloves

★ MRS MERTON, a widow, takes a job as cook-housekeeper in an old rectory. The atmosphere is a strange one, for her employer has an invalid wife, tended by a nurse, and a neurotic nephew. His niece also lives there. On the nurse's night out, the ailing woman goes into a coma and dies—of poisoning. Mrs. Merton then learns that the niece's husband also died of poison. An inquest decided he had committed suicide.

By ANTHONY GILBERT

AFTER Trent had gone I went into the dining-room to see about setting the table for lunch. Someone was already there. I heard a voice.

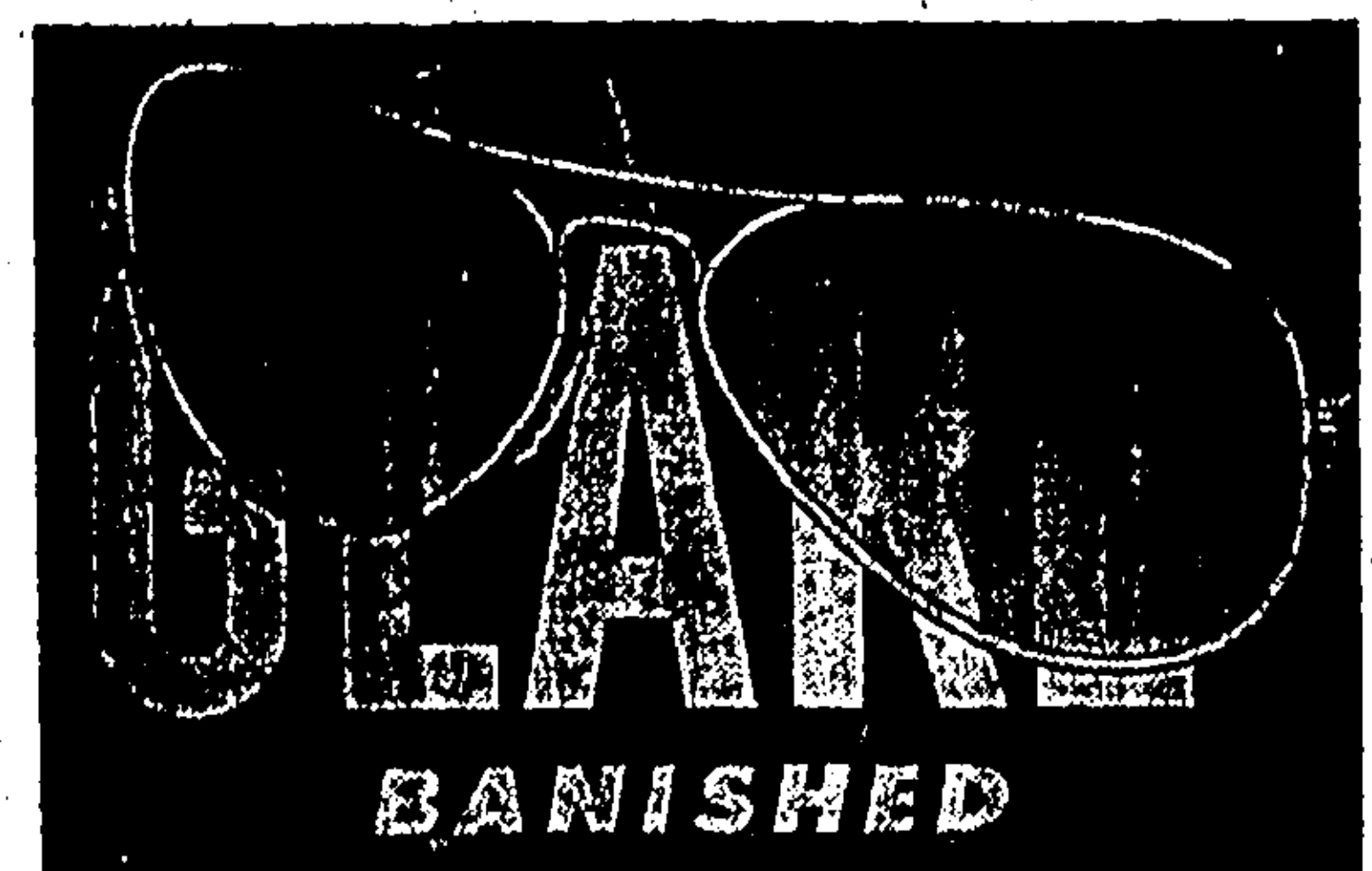
"All I can say is it's not like the murders I'm used to."

I pushed the door open. Mrs. Hutchinson was there with Nurse Cutler. Before they could recover themselves I inquired crisply, "And what kind of murders are you used to, Mrs. Hutchinson?"

She wasn't in the least abashed. "Well, if this had been one of those detective stories we'd be a lot further on by now. Why, we've hardly started. What about fingerprints? and motives? and clues?"

"You're talking of fiction," I reminded her. "This is the truth."

"I never did see much fun in truth," was her candid rejoinder. "Mind you, if I was the police I wouldn't be in much doubt."



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BEWARE OF IMITATIONS

No Flowers By Request

Characters in the case

THE story is woven around widowed Mrs. MERTON, a housewife, cook-housekeeper to the Carringtons. They are commercial artist MARCUS CARRINGTON, and his wife—who is bedridden—TRENT CARRINGTON, a war-wounded nephew, and MRS. PHILIPPA DEANE, a niece of the heavy type. Mrs. Carrington is looked after by NURSE CUTLER and visited by DR. GRAYLING. An interesting outsider, blonde JOY BARNESLOW, comes to help in the garden, and another outsider is MRS. HUTCHINSON, the daily help. Semmasherb, the cat, completes the household.

Nurse Cutler, who

had been looking remarkably uncomfortable, made some excuse and took herself out.

"I like you, dear," said Mrs. Hutchinson unexpectedly. "If I didn't, I wouldn't be warning you."

"Warning me against what?"

"In those books I was telling you about it's always the one nobody thinks of who's done it."

She Chuckled

"While in real life," I pointed out, setting knives and forks round the table with no assistance from Mrs. Hutchinson "the obvious person is usually guilty."

"That's what I mean, Motive. I know they say the police don't need a motive, but it does help."

"And you know who has a motive?"

"Well, look at it this way. Nobody could pretend Mr. Carrington's broken-hearted about his wife. No blame to him, I couldn't stand 'er myself, but all said and done, 'er did marry 'er. And there's another thing—what about the will?"

"Was there one?"

Mrs. Hutchinson started. "Every body makes a will whether they've got anything to leave or not. And then how do we know she didn't get anything? I don't believe he gets paid all that for those droppings of his."

"All what?"

"What this house costs to run. I know it's the Back of Beyond, but there's rates and taxes, and nurses don't come for love."

She chuckled, rather a horrid sound, I thought. "Mind you, I don't say this one wouldn't..."

"That'll do, Mrs. Hutchinson," I slammed the drawer of the sideboard. "I really cannot continue this conversation. It's impertinent to be discussing our employer's affairs."

She trailed after me, draping herself against the jamb of the door.

So He Says

"I do dislike ingratitude," she observed. "I'm only warning you, Mrs. Merton."

"Warning me against what?" I was almost at the end of my tether. "If you are suggesting that Carrington is in any way responsible for his wife's death, let me remind you that he was out of the house that evening."

"Going into Enderton to post some proofs. I know. Well, the post goes out at 7.30 and he wasn't back till half-past nine. So he says."

"What do you mean—so he says? I saw him myself. I happened to be in the hall."

"It's a shame," said Mrs. Hutchinson compassionately. "You being so innocent, and he like robbing a blind man. Never 'ad much to do with the police, 'ave you, dear?"

"I never had any occasion..." but once again the torrent swamped me before I could finish the sentence.

"You answer this one. What was there to stop Mr. Carrington coming back before 'alf-past nine and getting into her room by the French windows—she always keeps them open—and proppin' her up against her pillows and sleepin' off again? There wasn't no one in the place but you and Mrs. Deane, and both of you in the kitchen—why you wouldn't 'ear a thing. 'Avin' a nice little bit of say-so, I daresay." She grinned ingratiatingly.

"Even if there was a grain of truth in what you are saying," I pointed, astonished at my own feelings, "what difference would it have made if he had propped her up? She might have been gasping for breath."

It's Fatal

"Well, she wasn't gasping when you saw 'er before supper, was she? Looksway, if she was, you'd ought to mention it to the police. And as for proppin' her up, why, with foxglove poisoning that can be fatal."

And the answer was he met her more than anything in the world—beyond his own children, of course. It was ridiculous. Why, I'd only known the man about a week. And yet—and yet—he mustn't be guilty, he mustn't be guilty, he mustn't be guilty. I turned to Mrs. Hutchinson in a fury.

"If you have no work to do, I said 'I have. I shall be glad if you'll leave me to get on with it in peace.'"

Mrs. Hutchinson shrugged her shoulders. "Just thought I was doing you a kindness," she said. "You mark my words, there's going to be a murder trial here, and you don't want to find yourself in the dock."

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THE GREAT OIL TRAGEDY

Little by little Britain has given the Americans a treasure beyond price

by Robert J. Edwards

FIFTY years ago Britain was the wealthiest land in the world. A vast store of treasure in the Middle East was hers alone to exploit. The treasure? Oil.

The oil rights were not ceded to Britain as the result of an act of conquest. They were eagerly granted by the Arab rulers in return for generous subsidies and armed protection against invaders. Without this British protection there would have been continuing war in the Middle East.

Safeguarded by these freely negotiated treaties, Britain began the search for the treasure. In the thirties the largest output was in Abadan. The great refinery was owned entirely by the British people, either by private investors or by the Government, which had a 51 per cent holding of the shares.

Encouraged

Then, of course, seven years ago, trouble came in Persia. The trouble was encouraged by the Americans. Mr. Averell Harriman went there as the representative of the United States Government.

He told Dr. Mossadeq, who took over as Prime Minister following the murder of his predecessor, that he had a perfect right to nationalise his own railways and mines. It was a false argument. Persia was bound by solemn treaty to do nothing of the kind. Britain's Foreign Secretary, Mr. Herbert Morrison, favoured resisting Mossadeq. The Americans said no.

American pressure

Faced with American pressure, the Socialist Government, supported by the opposition, decided against armed intervention. Two years later American mediators produced their solution to the crisis—a solution that was accepted by Britain.

The solution: America should henceforth have a 40 per cent share in Abadan oil. Britain's share should be whittled down to a similar percentage. And, what was left should go to France and Holland.

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A British syndicate had the concession to prospect for oil in Saudi Arabia, and, it found, to exploit it.

This concession, granted by Sultan Ibn Saud, was simply allowed to lapse. In 1928 it was cancelled. In 1933 Standard Oil of California moved in with a similar concession.

Now Saudi Arabia is producing 47 million tons of oil a year. And all of it could have been Britain's instead of none.

The loss of Bahrain is a similar sad and remarkable story. Standard Oil of California wanted to buy a United Kingdom syndicate's concession in the territory. The British Government resisted the deal. It insisted that any company which took over the concession must be British registered.

A great row flared up. At last the Americans appeared to admit defeat. "Very well," they said, "if you won't allow us to buy the concession, you shall have a Canadian company."

So Canada moved into Bahrain. But only in name. For when the smoke subsided who should be revealed as the owners of the registered company but Standard Oil of California. Another asset had been snatched.

But the greatest of all the losses was Kuwait, now recognised as probably the biggest oilfield on earth, richer than all the wealth of fabulous Texas.

America was determined to get the concession from Britain. The late Mr. Andrew Mellon, U.S. Ambassador to Britain in the early 'thirties, put immense pressure on the Foreign Secretary, Sir John Simon.

Almost fanatical zeal was shown by Mr. Mellon in pursuing his objective. His case rested on the fantastic argument, that America had depleted her oil reserves in the 1914-18 war and therefore Britain owed her whatever Kuwait had to offer.

Washington.

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Rene MacColl

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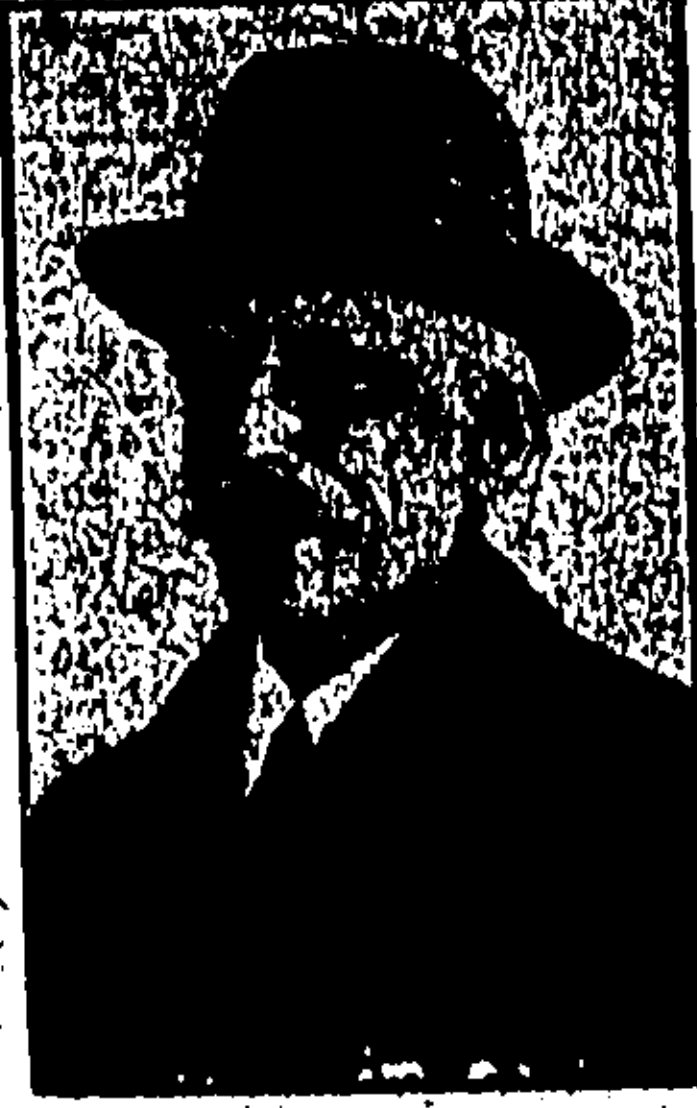
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ANDREW MELLON
He spoke for America and his company got the oil.

Sir John Simon at first resisted, then caved in to Mr. Mellon's persistent demands.

Awed by Mellon's power in the United States—his fortune and influence was enormous—and cowed by repeated reminders of the vast sums that America had lent Britain the Foreign Secretary persuaded the Cabinet to agree to America having a 50 per cent share in Kuwait oil.

Then at the stroke of a pen Sir John Simon gave away half of a British possession more splendid even than the gold mines of Africa.

Which is the American interest that moved into Kuwait? The Gulf Oil Company.

And who was the principal owner of that company? Mr. Andrew Mellon.

Let's be charitable and say it was "Just another Dulles Blunder" ... or

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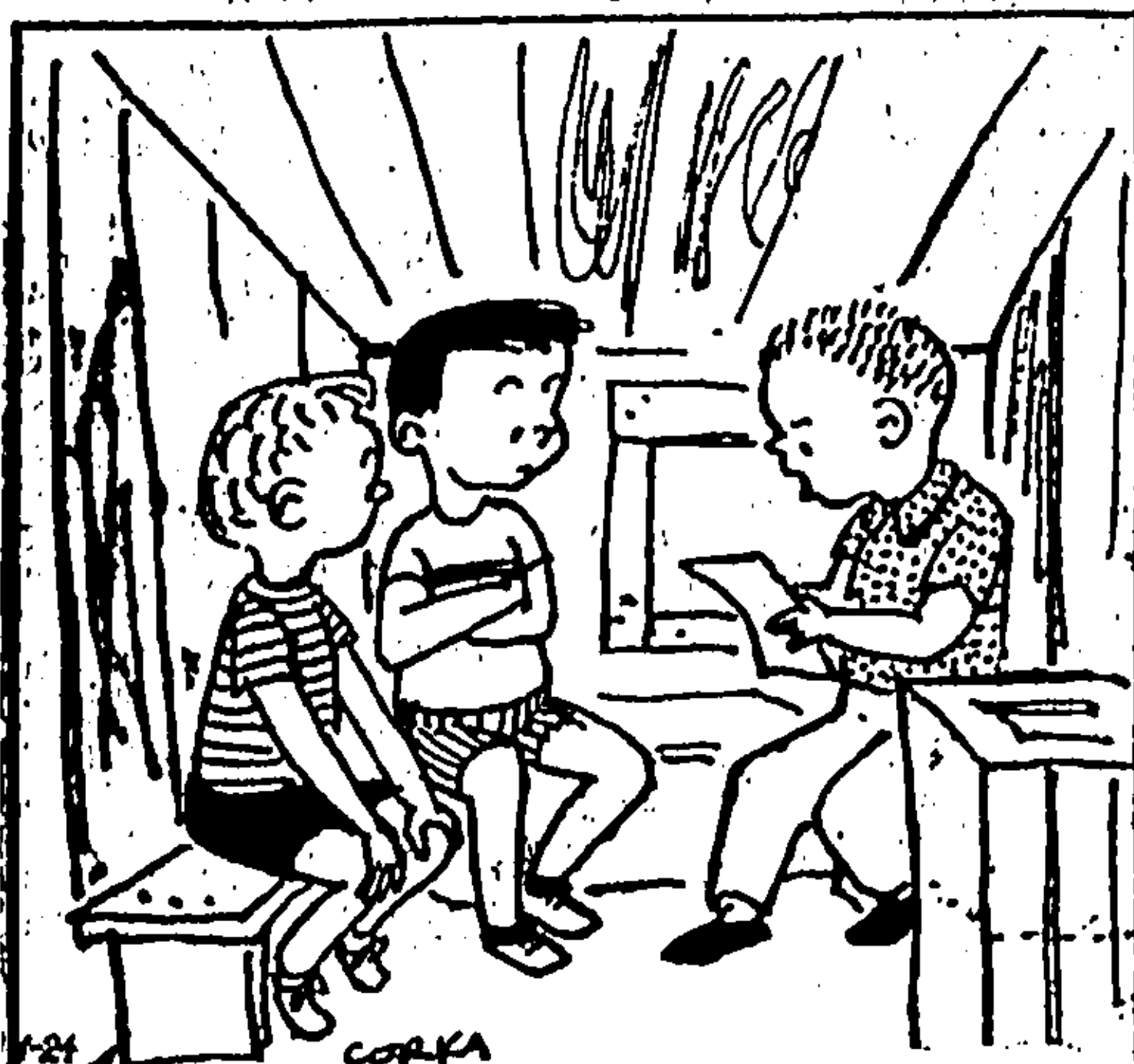
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This Funny World



Results of the thirty-fourth ballot—for president: Johnny Cronin, one vote; Tommy Hillis, one vote; Gordie Connell, one vote

YOUR BIRTHDAY By STELLA

MONDAY, APRIL 15

BORN today, you are a confusing mixture of the intellectual and the practical. Loving and affectionate when it comes to individuals—and at times emotional in your attachments—you are quite unemotional in approaching the realm of ideas. You have a long-term view which involves a highly questioning nature which must always know the "whys and wherefores" of everything.

You have a good public presence. You speak well in public and with training might become an orator or exceptional lecturer. You women are more drawn to the stage and should find in it a happy career. You women are vitally interested in people as individuals and probably are happiest when mingling socially with large groups. Something of a "do-gooder" at heart, you are able to sugar-coat your reforms so that

others fall in line with your idea quite willingly. You men may be drawn to politics at some period in your career. But, unless allowed to go your own way, you will retire from public life and become the spectator and literary commentator on your own time. In fact, you should cultivate your talent for literature, especially historical writing. In this area, you can become an outstanding artist.

Among those born on this date were: Henry James, author; John Lubbock, writer; Cardinal Herbert Vaughan of London; Henry O. Havemeyer, industrialist; William Miller, Communist, poet; and Lita Grey, actress.

To find what the stars have in store for you, read the corresponding paragraph. Let your birthday star be your daily guide.

TUESDAY, APRIL 16

ARIES (Mar. 21-Apr. 20)—Legal matters involving financial settlement of estates may come up for consideration in your favour today.

TAURUS (Apr. 21-May 21)—If your job is in the selling field, you should be highly successful in attracting new customers.

GEMINI (May 22-June 21)—Act to your personal advantage on business and financial matters. You also can gain additional prestige.

CANCER (June 22-July 23)—Now is the time to push important

plans. You should be able to execute them successfully at this time.

LEO (July 24-Aug. 23)—Fine prospects, especially for romance. Make or receive that important proposal.

VIRGO (Aug. 24-Sept. 23)—A social day in which friendships and romance mingle in a pleasant pattern. Enjoy yourself thoroughly this evening.

LIBRA (Sept. 24-Oct. 23)—You may need to take a trip to settle some legal problem to your entire satisfaction.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 23)—Select a difficult but important job and get it done. This is a day for real achievement.

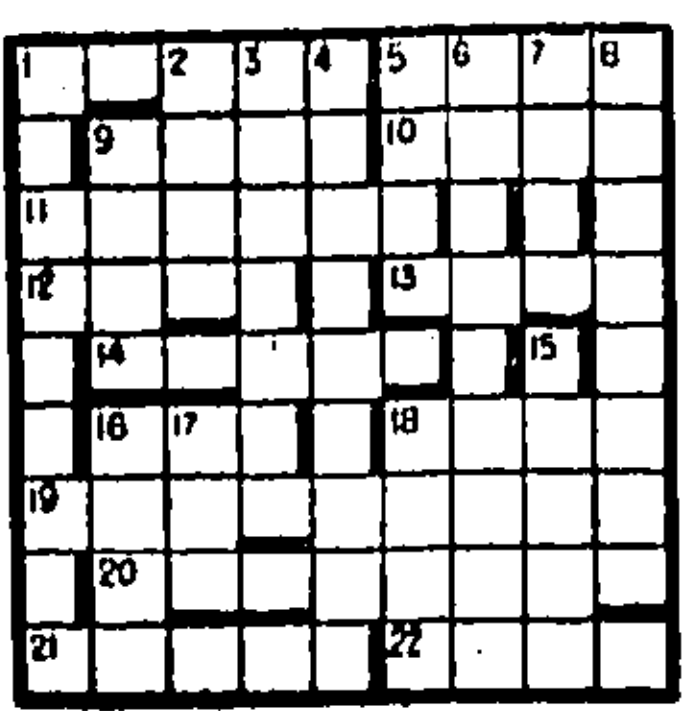
SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 24-Dec. 23)—Things are looking up for you now. Make sure that you make the right moves to get what you want out of life.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 24-Jan. 20)—Concentrate on essentials now for today and tomorrow are opportunity days for you. Be alert to progress.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21-Feb. 19)—You can aim for bigger profits today, and will most likely get them. Look for a journey to settle legal matters coming up.

PISCES (Feb. 20-Mar. 20)—You can improve conditions in your present environment so that they better your future.

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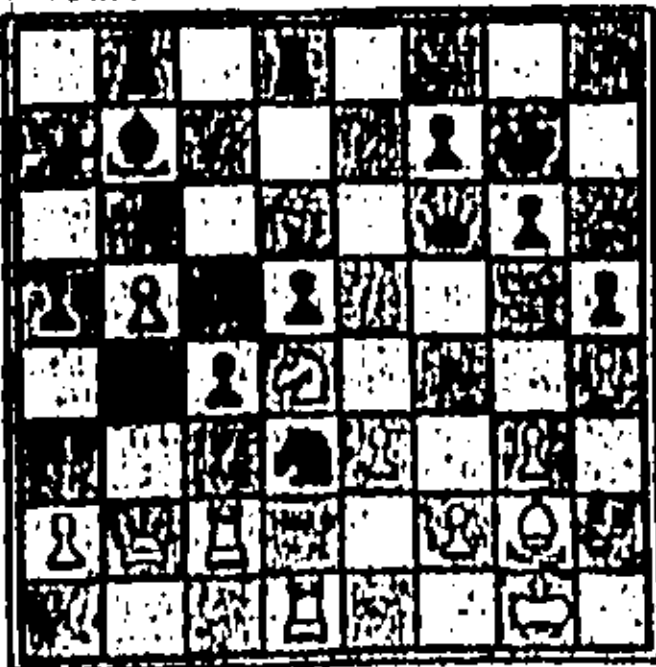


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 2. If you make one, you can retire rich. (6)
 3. Kubie Khan decreed a stately one. (4)
 4. Semi-precious, this stone. (4)
 5. Maples differ from this. (6)
 6. It's the opposite end of the TV set. (4)
 7. In a word, one. (4)
 8. It's the thing for dark canoe. (4)
 9. The man for Cleo? (3)
 10. The man is billing. (6)
 11. Gain coil (radio). (4)
 12. Movement of the big snows. (6)
 13. Flowery spot. (4)

- Down
1. Even terror of the way some times. (6)
 2. A feeling of peace—that's final. (4)
 3. It's the tip in the king business. (4)
 4. This type finds it hard to say. (4)
 5. Musical partner of peasant. (4)
 6. Bring to people's notice. (6)
 7. Sound like an untruthful mutual insurance. (4)
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CHESS

By LEONARD BARDEN



From actual play. White to move and win material.

Solution to Saturday's problem:

1. Q-K5, K-Q5; 2. B-K5, of A... R-B5; 3. P-Q4.

JACOBY ON BRIDGE

Cross Ruff Wins Duplicate Board

By OSWALD JACOBY

THE only thing today's hand proves is that anything can happen in a duplicate game.

At most tables East played four hearts and made either four or five depending on whether East took the heart finesse.

At several tables South played four spades undoubled and went down two or three tricks. Clubs would be opened and continued and South would ruff, play two rounds of trumps and then go after the diamonds. When the diamonds broke badly the hand would collapse.

One declarer (see bidding) made a tremendous top by making four spades doubled. He did not really expect to make his contract on the line

NORTH (D) 14			
♠ A Q J 9	♥ 4 3 2	♦ 7 6	♣ 9 8 5 4
WEST			
♠ 10	♥ 4 3 2	♦ A Q J 8 6 5	♣ 7 6
♠ K Q 8	♥ 5	♦ 5	♣ J 10 8
SOUTH			
♠ K 8 7 6 5	♥ A J 10 4 3 2	♦ 6	♣ 6
Both vulnerable			
North	East	South	West
Pass	Pass	1 ♠	2 ♣
3 ♠	4 ♠	4 ♠	Double
Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass
Opening lead—♠ K			

of play he adopted but he wanted to make sure of getting out cheaply.

He decided that the double indicated a bad diamond break and played for a cross ruff to hold down his losses.

After trumping the second club he played the ace of diamonds and the king of hearts. East won with the ace and was kind enough to lead back a heart. South ruffed and played the jack of diamonds. West won and led another heart to give declarer his third ruff. A diamond was trumped high in dummy and a club was ruffed with South's fourth trump. Another diamond was trumped high and the last club led and trumped by the king.

A fifth diamond was played and when West discarded, dummy's nine was put in. It held and the high trump made the final trick.

A trump lead would have beaten the contract but East and West overlooked that simple defence.

CARD SENSE

Q—The bidding has been: East South West North 1 ♠ 4 ♠ Double Pass 1 ♠ Pass ?

You, South, hold: ♠ A K Q 8 7 6 ♥ 4 3 2 ♦ A Q J 8 6 5 ♣ 7 6

What do you do? A—Bid three spades. Your distribution is tremendous and you want to be in game if partner holds an ace.

TODAY'S QUESTION The bidding is the same as in the question just answered. You, South, hold: ♠ A K Q 8 7 6 ♥ 4 3 2 ♦ A Q J 8 6 5 ♣ 7 6

What do you do? Answer Tomorrow

BY THE WAY

by Beachcomber

A POLITICIAN—if I may use such a word in a column which may be seen by children—said the other day that he "wants the words courage and integrity to come into fuller use again."

He will find them raising their weary heads in every review of a novel about peevish degenerates, and in every publisher's advertisement. Shambling along behind them come their hangers-on: awareness, essence of values, vital, human, and dynamic.

Tra-la-la

MENTION in some travel literature, issued abroad, of "The famous English detective, Shylock Holmes," brought back to mind the celebrated passage: "Honesty is the best policy." It is to be seen in all the colleges of Milan, supping up, operating, before cooking, (if you can dance the minuet, you will dance Constantino).

In passing A SUPPORTER of stag-hunting, who has evidently known what it is to be a hunted stag, says that these animals are incapable of feeling pain or fear. By a lucky chance it is only hunted animals which have no such feelings. Their only emotion is one of delight at being hunted—and possibly a certain satisfaction in seeing how thoroughly human beings can degrade themselves by enjoying the "sport."

Marginal note

I THINK it was Leon Daudot who said that a sure sign that a country is in a bad way is when enormous banks are built all over the place. I notice that they are springing up overnight in dozens. There is a story of a man whose bank refused to cash him a cheque, as he had no money to meet it. He was taken to the manager, and he said: "I'll tell you what it is, Shirley, old man. You're losing your nerve."

WOMANSENSE

A Balanced Diet To Insure Dental Health

By IDA BAILEY ALLEN



From Jean Patou's new collection comes this very casual soft jacket in black and white. Dogtooth patterned wool. The collar and lapels reveal the white blouse worn underneath; the waistline is marked on the skirt by a little leather band knotted in front.

A HIGH spot in our visit to Wenatchee was the viewing of a new film, "Gateway to Health," in the comfortable office of our host, Harold Copple, Managing Director of the Washington State Apple Commission.

This film deals with good dental health, which stems from a healthy body which, in turn, is dependent largely on a healthful diet.

Why be a dental cripple when this misfortune can largely be prevented? Babyhood is the time to start. A balanced diet including an abundance of fresh fruits and vegetables, plus plenty of water, fresh air and exercise, works wonders.

From age two on, children need dental supervision. And they must be taught to brush their teeth regularly, morning and night.

The teeth are as much a part of the body structure as the hands or feet and receive their nourishment from the blood stream. They also need exercise—plenty of chewing or masticating.

A soft diet is not recommended for strong, healthy



FOUR WAYS to serve raw apples: In a whipped topping; shredded, with sour cream; sliced for salad; or with soft cheese.

teeth. After eating starchy or sticky foods it's a good plan to eat crisp fruit, such as an apple. This cleans the surface of the teeth, makes the saliva flow and helps to protect the teeth from decay.

DINNER

Hot or Cold Tomato Juice
Celery and Carrot Sticks
Ham Slices Peanut-Baked
Baked Potatoes Baked Squash
Apple Whip on Mixed Fruits
or Apples and Cheese
Coffee Tea Milk

All Measurements Are Level.
Recipes Proportioned to Serve 4 to 6

Ham Slices Peanut-Baked: Spread 4 (1/2") thick slices boned tenderloin ham lightly on one side with peanut butter. Place in pan oiled 7" x 11" baking dish that can go to table. Pour in equal parts milk and water to barely cover.

Bake 40-45 min. in a moderate oven, 350° F., or until the liquid evaporates and the ham is lightly browned.

APPLE WHIP 4 WAYS

Apple Meringue Whips: Make about 30 min. before serving and refrigerate.

Beat 2 egg whites until stiff. Stir in 1/2 c. sifted powdered sugar and 1 c. grated thin-skinned red apple. Continue to beat with a wire whisk until stiff.

Use as a topping on soft custard; on sliced bananas

flavoured with lemon juice and a little sugar; on warm gingerbread or tapioca cream.

Apple Cream Whip: Beat 1 c. (1/4 pt.) heavy cream until beginning to thicken. Then whip in 1 c. grated peeled apple, 1/2 tsp. lemon juice and 1/2 c. powdered sugar.

Use to top mixed fruits, fruit shortcake, warm or cold rice pudding, sliced stewed prunes or apricots, sliced apples or chocolate cake, sponge or pound cake.

TRICK OF THE CHEF

Season mashed winter squash with a little honey and 1/4 tsp. crushed caraway seed browned in butter.

Tips On Cleaning Your Jewellery

TWO favourite adornments, pearls and perfume, do not mix! So take care, ladies, when wearing that pearl necklace or pearl-set jewellery, not to spray perfume on or near the pearls.

Be careful, too, in cleaning a good pearl necklace and avoid stretching the cord on which it is strung. Clean necklaces with lukewarm water and mild soap. For pearl set pieces, use a soft brush. Never use hot water, just lukewarm.

Good pearls should be restringed at least once a year. This task is best entrusted to a professional jeweller rather than the most proficient amateur.

Go over your jewellery from time to time. Examine the real pieces and the costume pieces and see that they are always gleaming clean.

Lukewarm water and mild soap is the choice of many experts. Use a clean toothbrush for brushing lightly under mountings.

If a piece of jewellery has not been cleaned for some time, and has gathered much dust and grime, then soak it in rubbing alcohol first. Do not rinse it in cold water but let the alcohol cool naturally.

Examine costume jewellery before tacking it to see how the stones have been set.

If stones have been set by hand, they may be washed, but if they have been pasted, then there is danger that the glue or cement may be dissolved during washing. In that case, the cleaning must be rapid.

As for gold and silver, experts agree that the easiest way to induce a bright, undimmed surface is to breathe on the piece, then rub carefully with a soft, clean cloth. Of course, silver polish will really do a shining job.

Store pieces carefully. If you use a jewelry box, see that it is kept clean, brushing it out from time to time with particular care in the corners where dust is apt to gather. Keep pieces carefully wrapped for protection against tarnish and damaged from other pieces.

—LEONOR ROSS

If Baby Prefers Semi-solid Foods To The Bottle—

By GARRY C. MYERS, Ph. D.

If you are fortunate enough to have the guidance of a pediatrician—a baby doctor—you will follow his advice on feeding your baby.

Don't hesitate to ask him any question, especially if your baby does not want to eat as much as you think he should. Once in a while, any baby may not want the bottle or may have some of it. However, if this happens for two or more successive feedings—or if he begins to refuse the bottle entirely—you should seek your doctor's advice.

DON'T FORCE HIM

You may be tempted to push the nipple into his mouth and try to force him to take the bottle, just as you might try to force other foods into him—even against his strong resistance.

There's no surer way to make him begin to dislike certain foods or to diminish his appetite in general.

You will be more likely to force him to eat when you are in a hurry or when you feel jittery or upset. Slow and easy ought to be your slogan when feeding baby.

Your pediatrician has advised you, no doubt, to introduce, very gradually, mashed strained foods into his diet in his early months. You must do this with great dexterity, giving him an interesting variety in very small portions at a time.

If he enjoys one type of food, you will be tempted to offer too much of it at one time or on too many successive feedings. Until he is able to feed himself, you may tend to spoon it into him for too fast, making it hard for him to chew and swallow, even

causing him to hold food in his mouth.

If he fills up on the semi-solid foods, he may want less milk, even less than you are sure he needs. Instead of trying to force the bottle on him, reduce the amount of other foods. Reducing the amount of milk in his bottle might increase his appetite for solid foods.

BOTTLE FIRST

You probably let him have some of all his meal of semi-solid foods before the bottle. But if you find he's not hungry enough for the bottle then, you might offer the bottle or some of it first.

This withholding principle can help to solve all sorts of food problems, then and later, even after this child enters school. It's so much better than trying to force a child to eat.

BOYS' AND GIRLS' MAGAZINE

Sitting Under A Cloud

—Joe, The Smoke Man, Mystifies His Friends—

By MAX TRELL

JOE, the Smoke Man, came floating up out of the bowl of Father's pipe. He went sailing silently across the room, then out through the keyhole, down the hall, up the stairs and into the room. It was night-time. The room was pretty dark.

Knarf and Hanid, the shadow children with the turned-about names, were still awake, talking quietly to Teddy, the Stuffed Bear, and Hiawatha, the Wooden Indian Boy, when they all noticed Joe, the Smoke Man. He was oozing in through a crack at the bottom of the door.

Settled Down

A moment or two later he settled himself down on the edge of a geography book. Knarf, Hanid, Teddy and Hiawatha all smiled, nodded and said: "Good evening, Joe. What do you know?"

At this Joe nodded, smiled and answered: "Good evening, you all. I don't know anything at all."

Hanid reached out and touched Joe's smoky arm. "Of course, you do, Joe."

"Do what?" asked Joe. "Know something," said Teddy.

"You know lots," said Hiawatha.

"Now tell us where you've been all day today," Joe said Knarf. "You must know that."

Joe nodded, winked, blinked, smiled and finally replied: "I came with me. Lots of other queer creatures have now joined them and they'll move rapidly away until the shell ends in a smaller and smaller size."

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Very Mysterious

This made everything more mysterious than ever. Everyone knew that Joe, being made of smoke, could make himself any size he pleased. But no one could imagine how he could be floating through the air on two pieces of wood!

"They were just two sticks," said Joe, with another grin. "Sticks!" asked everybody.

"That's right," said Joe. "And there was a long string tied to the two sticks that went all the way down to the ground. And a boy was holding the end of the string so that the thing I was sitting on would go sailing off with the wind."

"Joe! I know! Were you floating on a kite, just under a cloud?" Hanid shouted all at once.

Joe burst out laughing. "Yes, you guessed it," he admitted. "I was sitting on a

And out through the window he floated, just like a wisp of smoke which (after all) was exactly what he was!

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POLICE 2, EASTERN 2

LAST SEASON'S CHAMPS PROVE THEMSELVES THIS YEAR'S PRIZE CHUMPS

Says I. M. MacTAVISH

If there is such a thing as a soccer equivalent of the boxing term 'a sucker punch', then I am certain I should use it to describe Eastern's dismal performance in this match.

If ever a team allowed a game to topple around them, then Ko Po-keung and his mates did on this occasion. With two-thirds of the proceedings over they held a commanding two goals lead, but for some unaccountable reason they became utterly careless. They started wasting time; they began bickering among themselves and in the short space of five minutes last season's Champs became this season's prize Chumps!

That, however, is only one side of the story; the other refers to a truly magnificent late rally by the Police, a rally that clipped every inch of the superficial soccer veneer of Eastern, sent them staggering right back on their heels, sent panic coursing through their ranks, and came within an ace of sending them home without even a single point.

Had that happened both teams would have got their due deserts. Eastern would have got the defeat their presumptuous play deserved and the Police would have claimed the victory which would have endorsed their thrilling fight back after all had seemed lost.

The Police had the outstanding personality in the centre-half. Hunter, who was indeed an accomplished and polished performer. Sure and powerful in the tackle and thoughtful in distribution, he was always in command of his own area, yet seemed to find time to go to the prompt assistance of harassed team mates.

His play bears the stamp of class and on this form he is far and away the best pivot I have seen since my return to the Colony. We had, of course, the chance to do a spot of comparing for Ko Po-keung was in the Eastern line-up and I'm afraid the present wearer of the Colony's No. 5 shirt stood poor comparison with the stalwart policeman who patrolled the centre-half beat at the opposite end to such good purpose.

If Hunter was the star of this spirited Police side, erstwhile glamour boy Au Chi-yin was the disappointment supreme. He had a simply shocking game on the left-wing and was blotted right out of the play by Toledo who was in one of his most tenacious moods.

Au, however, never showed any desire to make a fight of it. He was all too easily dispossessed and if he had shown just a little more bite and enterprize he could have caused the not too certain Eastern defence a lot of worry. His biggest blunder was reserved for the moment which should have been the dazzling climax of that great closing rally. It came when the Police were back on level terms

and when only two minutes remained for play.

SLIP THROUGH

A brilliant slip through by Mak Wing-hung sent the ball right to the feet of the little winger; he had plenty of time to aim his shot at the unprotected Eastern goal only six yards away, but with two points there for the taking he flashed the ball wildly over the bar. Probably the only ones who found anything to admire in this impetuous move were the much relieved Eastern defenders who were thus saved the indignity of a most inglorious defeat.

During the early stages of play we were treated to some really entertaining football by both sides. The respective styles provided an interesting contrast, but for 15 minutes the wide open speculative tactics of the Police were every bit as effective as the frilly intricate work of the 1956 Champions.

The wiles of Chu Wing-keung eventually led to Eastern's first goal after 15 minutes. Chu, positioned on the left wing, cut in from the outside and from the resultant cross Fung Tai-Kit had no difficulty in scoring when the ball was switched to him. It looked a simple enough counter, but that was only because of Chu Wing-keung's fine leading-up work.

The Police had a ragged spell just after the opening goal and only brilliant goalkeeping by Kwok Man-sum saved them from a heavier deficit. One flying save from a hard drive by Hau Ching-to was a thrilling effort.

The Eastern defenders also had their anxious moments and two grand headers by Moss and a shot on the run by Ng Chuk-lun only just missed Young Pui-dor's goal. Without the goalkeeper knowing very much about any of them.

For a short spell after the interval the Police defence had to withstand some heavy pressure, but inspired by Hunter, they weathered the storm and, without ever producing the same classy touches as their opponents, they came back into the game with a bang.

The bang, however, did not include getting the ball into the net and after they had chalked up several near misses Eastern broke away and swept up to the other end. Again it was Chu Wing-keung who did the planning and when Hunter was pulled out of position the ball was crossed into the penalty area. It came to Lo Kwok-tai in a space as wide as the lone prairie. He took careful aim before crashing the ball into the net. Yet good shot as it was, the goalkeeper, Kwok, should have saved it. The ball was certainly travelling fast and it may have swerved a little on the way, but the goalkeeper was in good position to save and he looked a little surprised when it beat him.

At this stage there was still half an hour left for play, but instead of pressing home their advantage Eastern began to relax their effort. Everyone seemed to be interested in getting into a game of cat and other. Ko Po-keung, who had developed a bit of a limp, had been at outside right and centre-forward. To -Ying-sun appeared to be operating as a left half most of the time, and we even had Chu Wing-keung among the full backs.

Time-wasting tactics also crept into their play and there was precious little sympathy for them when Mak Wing-hung started the Police rally with a great goal ten minutes from the end.

With just a little over four minutes left for play the equaliser came. And a glorious counter it was. Away out in midfield Wakefield courted the ball down the left touchline; he seemed to weigh up the Eastern retreat that was taking place and, at just the right moment, he swept a long lob into the penalty area. It appeared to be dropping in the midst of five or six defenders but right out of the blue came Roy Moss' curly head. A flick and a juggle of Eastern players stood transfixed as the ball flew majestically into the back of the net.

It was a great goal.

Two minutes later the gallant policeman almost snatched a sensational victory. Wide swinging passes cut through the defence and Eastern could do little to stop the rot as Mak Wing-hung made his final pass to Au Chi-yin. The rest is soccer history. From a perfect position on the six yards line the winger shot high over the bar and Eastern breathed a sigh of relief for the point that went with it.

In a Police side that simply did not know when it was beaten Yuen Hsi-ping, Moss and Ng Chuk-lun join star man Hunter and goalkeeper Kwok Man-sum in the honour parade although there were many other honest triers.

I confess, however, I could see little profitable purpose in Wakefield's wanderings. Far too often he was away out of touch with the Eastern inside forwards and it was when Hunter had to do a spot of desperate covering up for him that Eastern got their second goal.

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VERDICT: For a long time this was nothing more than an ordinary game. The late rally by the Police elevated it to a new level, however, and it finished a real thriller. For an Au Chi-yin's last minute lapse it would have been a sportswriter's gift from the gods. On... and a special word of praise for Referee Browning who did a grand job of work with the whistle.

THE TEAMS

Police: Kwok Man-sum; Ngan Chun-sing, Chaw Bing-wing; Yuen Hsi-ping, Ng Chuk-lun; Wan Siu-chol, Ng Chuk-lun, Moss, Mak Wing-hung, Au Chi-yin.

Eastern: Young Pui-dor; Toledo, Lau Yee; Kung Wah-kit, Ko Po-keung, Lee Kwok-wah; Ho Ying-sun, Chu Wing-keung, Fung Tai-Kit, Lo Kwok-tai, Hau Ching-to.

WEST INDIAN CRICKETERS IN ENGLAND

London, Apr. 14. The West Indies cricket team, who are to tour England this summer, arrived at Southampton today on board the ss "Goldite".

The ship was late in docking at Southampton, when the England captain, was unable to meet the boat-train in London.

May went with other MCC representatives to Waterloo Station to meet the boat-train in which the party was expected, but a private engagement prevented him from staying any longer.

Nevertheless, the party received a rousing reception from over 2,000 of their fellow countrymen living in London.

A city band greeted them enthusiastically as they left the train at Fenchurch Street.

BASSEY RETAINS TITLE



Nigeria's Hogan Bassey, British Empire Featherweight Champion, retained his title on April 2 by outpointing Percy Lewis of Trinidad over 15 rounds. Picture shows Lewis missing with a right swing and Bassey countering with a right.—Express Photo.

NO MORE THAN THEIR DUTY

BBB-Of-C To Hold An Inquiry Into The Dower-Perez Fight

By DESMOND HACKETT

The British Boxing Board of Control has decided to hold an inquiry into the Dai Dower-Pascual Perez fight in Buenos Aires. They do no more than their duty to examine the World Flyweight Championship farce which lasted only 2 min. 48 sec.

Boxing Board secretary Teddy Walham tells me: "We shall require a full report into all the phases of this fight." I for one am delighted. I pressed for a full inquiry into this fight that never should have been because the public are entitled to know how this latest British boxing humiliation came about.

Immediately after the fight I said: "The Boxing Board should come with me and get a slant on the British non-training camps."

I repeat that challenge.

ATMOSPHERE CONDITIONS

Most British boxers train in the clubby, smoke-crazed heat of a pub in East London.

So we haven't come so far since the rumbustious, bare-fist days of Tom Spring, Bendigo, and Tom Sayers who trained under the same 'atmosphere' conditions.

Dower and his chief mourners, manager Nat Seller and Jack Solomon, will be the chief figures at the inquiry, and it will be illuminating to hear their story.

The British public, already tired by inaction from British boxers and the complacent, let's-forget-it attitude of the British Board, are now bitterly angered by this latest let-down.

Knowledgeable man around the light business Joe Bloom, of the Cambridge Gymnasium, London, says: "This fight should never have taken place. I accuse the Board for allowing the fight, Jack Solomon for instigating it, and Nat Seller as manager for accepting it."

Many bluntly ask: "Who runs boxing—the Boxing Board or Jack Solomon?"

They point out that the board largely depends for its income on prize-money received from such big light cruises as those presented by ringmaster Solomons.

They ask: "Are there any independent fight managers in Britain or are they all controlled by Jack Solomon?"

The public recall that odorous affliction in October last year when ex-world champion Ezzard Charles collected £2,000 for appearing against Dick Richardson.

Charles was sacked from the ring after five minutes because

ENTERTAINMENT TAX

An "Aunt Sally" Has Been Removed, But What Else?

London, Apr. 14. British sports fans are wondering what the effect of the abolition of entertainment tax on all sports will mean to them personally.

Has the Chancellor of the Exchequer really been as kind to them as might appear on the surface? They are wondering as they might well do. They can see for themselves the effect of the changes in "hard" taxation, such as the additional tax for TV sets and the increase in the allowances for their school-age children, but what they will gain from the abolition of the sports tax can only be a matter for conjecture.

At first sight and, from what the books of many sports have already said it would appear as if the man in the street is going to gain very little financially.

The soccer directors have already warned fans that they may expect very little of any cash benefit.

IN A NUTSHELL

Jimmy Carter, ex-International and now Chairman of the Third Division South Committee, has put the issue in a nutshell in declaring: "I do not think any of the value will be passed on to the fans. That was hardly the issue. We need it to keep going. In fact the Government had to do something to save soccer."

Substitute "speedway", "cycling" and many other professional sports for the word "soccer" and you have what most officials are thinking is not openly saying.

Speaking the mind of other sporting bodies was Alan Hardacre, the Secretary of the Football League, when he exclaimed: "Where I think the fan will benefit is in an all-round ground improvement."

In other words, it is going to cost the spectator just as much money to watch his sport, but he should be able to watch it in greater comfort. He will be glad of that, but probably the has become so immune to the discontents he has endured for so many years that he would prefer to have smaller admission charges and hence a bit more money in his pocket to buy more cigarettes and beer.

FAN WILL WAIT

The sports "themselves" must obviously benefit now that the huge sums of money which hitherto went to the Government can be used for something else, but the question is in what respect. The fan will have to wait awhile to see just what the governing bodies are going to do with the money. One thing, however, he can be sure of and that is that the actual sport and its official will benefit much more than he or she will individually.

It has been the pastime of such sports as have suffered a drop in gate receipts for years that the governing bodies have sought international competition to lay the blame at the door of the entertainment tax.

This "Aunt Sally" has now been taken away from them. They will have to look elsewhere for excuses. One can hardly see the standard of British professional soccer improving because of the 1957 budget or of professional boxing either, except if one takes a long term view and is an optimist—China Mail Special.

REAL MADRID MAKE SURE

Madrid, Apr. 14. Real Madrid, Manchester United's opponents in the European Soccer Cup semi-final, assured themselves of retaining the Spanish League Championship today when they scored a 2-1 away victory over Zaragoza.

Real, 42 points, hold a four-point lead over their nearest rivals.

Barcelona and Sevilla are next in the table each with 38 points.

Barcelona had a chance of catching Real, and they lost it by going down 2-0 to Espanol today—China Mail Special.

Boston Marathon Course Short

The Boston Athletic Association marathon course has been discovered 1,197 yards short of the prescribed 26 miles 385 yards. It was the first measurement of the course since 1926.

Johnston, 26, of Boston, who won the course was short to allow the timing of 2:14.4, record set by Amby Olsen of Sweden last year. The best time will mean that a new record will be established in next Saturday's 61st annual B.A.A. Marathon.

THE GAMBOLS

Barry Appleby

A GIFT-BOX OF

Goya

TOILETRIES

IS THE FAREWELL GIFT FOR A TRAVELLER

SEA

Sports Diary

TODAY

Liverpool v Arsenal. Combined National Cup. HK Chinese v Arsenal. 7.30 p.m. Royal Artillery v Royal Engineers at Wembley, 11 a.m.

TOMORROW

Leeds v Arsenal. Football. 3 p.m. Lancashire v Yorkshire. 2 p.m.

Leeds v Arsenal. Football. 3 p.m.

WEEK-END SOFTBALL

SAINTS PUSH BLACKHAWKS
DOWN ONE RUNG
OF THE LADDER

By "TIME OUT"

In the main softball attraction at King's Park yesterday, Bimbi Ablong's Saints pushed the Blackhawks down another rung of the Championship ladder when, with the aid of three wild pitches by Ren Barretto which eluded the glove of receiver Reggie Mattos, and which were responsible for three runs crossing the plate, the Joys emerged victorious by the score of 4 runs to 2.

By virtue of this defeat the Blackhawks are now in a three-way tie with the Fundas and Saints for second place whilst the Warriors claim undisputed possession of the League leadership by a very narrow margin of one game. The South China squad once again failed to put in an appearance and conceded a walkover to the tribe on Saturday.

The Warriors have but two more League fixtures to play off, one against the Oily Vase Hawks and the other against the South China, and a victory for the Hawks next Sunday would mean a four-way tie, an unprecedented situation.

The first two innings passed without both sides being able to score. Both the Joys and Hawks clamped down with tight fielding, but the Hawks were the first to take the initiative.

With one away, Nado Gomes singled, went to second on a fumble by Joey catcher Sherry Bux and when Bux heaved the ball away over second Gomes was not slow in denoting the rubber for the Hawks' first run. The next two batters could make no headway against hurler Salleh and there was no further scoring.

The Joys came right back into the game in their half of the same inning as Salleh wangled a pass to first from Barretto and quickly stole second. With one away, A. G. Ismail bunted a slow roller to third, Robert Nunes who made a wild throw to first, Salleh ending up at third. Ari Ozorio then came through with a timely bingle, scoring Salleh to tie up the game.

Hawk hurler Barretto then had difficulty finding the plate and two grounders to receiver Mattos almost broke the back of the Hawks as two unearned runs crossed the plate for the Joys to take the lead by two runs. The next two batters then popped up to end the inning, but the harm was already done.

The Hawks could not score in the next two innings as Salleh bore down their defence. In the fifth a bunt, a sacrifice fly and a single by Dave "Bambino" Leonard saw a potential run safely parked at third. To the consternation of his teammates another wild pitch by Barretto sent yet another run scored for the Joys to lead by three runs.

Z. OED IN

In the top of the sixth, with one away, Tony Rodrigues finally zeroed in on Salleh's offerings and poked a tremendous triple over the centre-field fence. Gerry Remedios then poked a double which sailed way over the outfield and Rodrigues came home standing up to reduce the deficit to two runs.

There was no further scoring for the rest of the innings as both sides got down to business and the game ended with the Joys winners by two runs.

Both Salleh and his opposite number, Ren Barretto, gave up five hits each but the erratic spells of Barretto contributed to a great degree to the Hawks' downfall. Hawk shortstop Manuel Nunes earned tremendous applause with his scintillating catch of Ari Ozorio's daisy-cutter which looked good for a single in the first inning.

Immediately after their demoralising defeat at the hands of the Joys the Hawks had a close shave when the lowly CAA side fully extended them for the whole game and at one stage a stunning upset even loomed in the offing.

The Hawks scored in every inning of the game except the

last and with Vic Pedruco pitching effortlessly an easy victory seemed certain but the Athletics boys, although trailing by eight runs, staged an uprising in the bottom of the fifth to lower the margin by three runs, and really had the Hawks worried.

The Hawks added another run in the top of the sixth and with a four-run lead, a series of fumbles and a freak hit that was good for two runs cut down the Hawks' margin to two meaningless runs.

With two on and two away, Kwok could do as well as stare at a third strike and thus throw down the drain his chances of being the big hero of the day.

Nominate YOUR
Hongkong Footballer
Of The Year

Members of the public are invited to nominate Hongkong's Footballer of the Year for the current season.

It is a popularity poll organised by the China Mail, and nomination coupons will be accepted until the closing date to be announced later.

The two qualifications for nomination are:
(1) Footballing prowess
(2) Sportsmanship on the field of play.

Nominations should be addressed to the Editor, China Mail, Wyndham Street.

To the Editor, China Mail,

My nomination for Hongkong's Footballer of the Year, taking into regard his playing ability and his sportsmanship on the field of play is

of the Club.

(Signed)

PHIL BULL tells you...

It's Just A Matter
Of Mathematics

Compensating time performances for the ages of the horses and the weights carried calls for some measurement of the gradual improvement horses make from their early days as two-year-olds until they reach maturity at four or five years of age.

Unfortunately they don't all mature at the same time. Sprinters mature about six months earlier than out stayers. We need a table which sets out these facts of racehorse development in a usable manner, in terms of weight, over all distances, month by month throughout the year.

Over 80 years ago that crusty old racing genius Admiral Rous did a remarkable piece of work on this problem.

From that work stems the present day Weight for Age Scale, sanctioned by the Jockey Club.

Can this scale be used for our time test purposes? Yes, certainly; but none as it stands.

It has first to be rephrased in a logical manner, with the fully mature horses weighted at 9-7 throughout.

There are also a number of self-contradictions and anomalies in the scale which calls for correction.

The alternative to the Weight for Age Scale is something I devised myself after considerable research some years ago. It is an Age, Weight, and Distance Table. Those of you who are interested in it will find it printed in full in my publication "Timeform."

With the aid of this table the compensation of time performances for age and weight is quite straightforward.

Simply compare the Actual Weights carried with the Table Weights, and translate the poundage differences into time, at the rate of .04 seconds per lb.

In the six Newmarket time performances referred to before, the two-year-old Fulfer carried 8st. 11lb. The Table

Weight for a two-year-old over five furlongs in April is 8st. 6lb. Fulfer therefore carried 33lb. more than the weight to which his extreme immaturity entitled him. So his time performance figure must be speeded up by 33 seconds, 04 seconds, which is 1.32 seconds.

Fulfer's age-and-weight-compensated figure is then not 1.35 seconds slow per five furlongs, but .03 seconds slow.

The other horses' time performances are adjusted in a similar manner. I'll give the figures in my final time test article.

THAT GOING

Now for this problem of weather conditions. Race times are greatly affected by weather and underfoot conditions. Some people say they are also affected by temperature and humidity, and I agree they're right.

Three years ago I ran a very speedy two-year-old named Eubulides in the Glencree at York.

He had won at Ascot and Goodwood, but on this occasion the going was atrocious and he finally got bogged down in the mud a furlong from the finish.

The race was won by Precast in about 52 seconds for the six furlongs. Yet only a year or two earlier Windy City had won the same race in less than 72 seconds.

That 10-second difference, equivalent to 60 lengths, or getting on for a furlong, illustrates the extent to which times are affected by underfoot conditions.

The problem for the time test is how to express, in figures, the precise effect of the going upon the times on any particular day.

Newspaper reports describing the going as firm, good, soft, holding, or heavy are all right from a form student's point of view, but they are quite useless for time test purposes.

So also, to my mind, are estimates based upon depth of hoof impressions, and indeed any estimates based upon physical measurement.

Then there is the matter of the strength and direction of the wind.

A wind behind the runners in the straight will speed up all times on the straight course. But what about races on the round course with the wind against the runners for part of the journey?

This is an exceptionally difficult problem, and attempts to solve it with the aid of flags, wind-gauges and other such contraptions are laughable in their delirium.

The problems raised by wind and going are bound up to-

gether, and the only proper and feasible way to deal with them is by consideration of the time data itself.

SO SIMPLE!

You have the Actual times recorded, and also the Standard times. Compare the two on a per-furlong or per-five-furlong basis, compensate for age and weight, and you have a set of figures from which the effect of going and wind can be calculated.

It is a matter of mathematics, simple enough in certain cases, but involving complicated vector analysis when there is wind effect to take into account.

Too much mathematics all round, you say? Well, that's how it is. Don't say I didn't warn you!

Phil Bull is the proprietor of the weekly "Timeform" and of the annual "Racehorses of 1956" (published by Timeform, Albion Street, Halfway, Yorkshire).

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Dutch Against
Nationalism
In Olympics

The Hague, Apr. 13. The Dutch Olympic Committee is to suggest to the International Olympic Committee that the nationalistic element should be eliminated from future Olympiads.

Doctor J. Linthorst Homan, the President, said at the annual meeting of the Dutch Olympic Committee here today: "There are Olympic Games and we must go on with them, but we do not altogether agree with the way in which they are organized. Holland did not compete in the Melbourne Olympic Games last November."

In reply to a request from the I.O.C., who had asked national committees for proposals concerning the organization of the Olympic Games, the Dutch committee is to propose:

That competitors should all wear the same Olympic dress during the opening and closing ceremonies.

They should march in groups, according to the various sports, and not in national formations. There should be no flags carried in the parade. The Olympic hymn should be played instead of national anthems during the victory ceremonies, and that the Olympic flag and not national colours should be hoisted to honor victors.—Reuter.

TAKE MY TIP, YOU HIT-OR-BUST GOLFERS!

My First Aim Now Is
To Find The Fairway
From The Tee

Says PETER ALLISS

(British Ryder Cup player, and one of the longest hitters in golf)
Extra length—that is the aim of all average golfers when spring returns and the ball sits up on the fresh grass asking to be hit.

I don't blame them. For the over-40 player, extra length is the sign that he is not so old after all; for the young players it seems the one answer to the problem of that single-figure handicap.

We pros get the same feeling. It looks so good when the ball rolls and rolls out of sight along the mown fairways.

But I must give a warning—based on my personal experience.

For the last 10 years I have been hitting the ball pretty well flat out. This in spite of the fact that I have a father—a fine teacher—telling me that I was all wrong.

I confess that I have got quite a kick out of being spoken of as one of the longest hitters in the country.

But it hasn't won me enough competitions. It has not made me score consistently in the 60's, which is necessary nowadays to take the money.

Last autumn I decided that this was just not good enough.

I have curbed my impetuosity in favour of keeping on the course.

LESS BODY

I have cut down some of my body movement, keep my left heel on the ground now throughout the whole swing, and use a firmer wrist action. My first aim now is to find the fairway from the tee.

It is the same with iron shots, particularly the lofted irons. I use one club more than usual, take a three-quarter swing and a shortish run follow-through.

For instance, where before I would hit all out with a No. 8 or 9, I now take a three-quarter shot with a No. 7.

Although I am a club or so shorter I find I can direct my swing much better and I have more confidence. Indeed, I won the Spanish Open last autumn as a direct result.

I don't want to suggest that you start steering the ball. It must still be hit firmly and hard. But give up that "hit-or-bust" idea and concentrate on control.

It helps, too, if you try a slightly narrower stance. Line up with the bottom of the club blade square to the line of flight (not the top, which might lead to a "shank" face). Keep the knees a little in front of the ball and the wrists firm.

Beware of several misleading slogans. Most misleading of all is "Never up, never in."

Isn't it better to be dead—or even a yard short—from a five-yard putt, than to slide off, past?

I have never seen Bobby Locke, one of the world's finest putters, a long way past the point. He's invariably short, if not in first time.

Another misleading slogan is "Be up!" Remember that all the trouble is usually beyond the green. It is better to leave yourself a little run-up than have to hack back out of a bush.

Then there is that "straight left arm." It should be a "firm left arm." Don't make it a ramrod.

SHEER FICTION

That tip of trying to keep a handkerchief in place under the right arm on the back-swing is sheer fiction. I have never seen a good player with his right elbow close to his side at the top of the back-swing.

I hope you have been keeping a club at home and making a point of swinging it each night or before you leave for work.

Your muscles will need loosening and strengthening after the winter lay-off. Even if you do this as slowly as a few minutes before your week-end game, it will make all the difference to those first few holes.

When you come to the first match or competition of the year, don't expect to start playing wonder golf without some preparation. The professional can't after a week of giving lessons, so what chance have you?

Take a dozen balls—not 60—and knock them up the practice fairway with two or three of the lofted irons. Then back again with your No. 3 and 4.

Next hit two with your No. 4 wood or spoon, and then two drives. Tee the ball up high. Too many people make insufficient use of the teeing ground—the only place where you can do what you like.

Finally, put a couple of balls across the practice green, just

to get the strength. Don't try the four-footers. Should you miss a few, and then get one on the first green, you will have had it!

If you can make the time for this ritual each week-end, you may find it of more use than a series of lessons. It will help you immensely in any case, and stop the running of a card by those first few bad holes.

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Bishop Auckland
Win Amateur
Cup Final

Wembley, Apr. 13. Bishop Auckland, from County Durham, made history here today by winning the English Amateur Cup Final for the third successive year, beating their south country opponents, Wycombe Wanderers, by three goals to one. They led 2-1 at the interval.

The Bishops gave a magnificent display to make it their ninth win in the 64-year-old history of the Cup. They had been in six of the last eight finals.

A near capacity crowd of 80,000 saw an exceptionally fine final. Both teams employed long sweeping passes and the play was always at a good speed.

The Bishops got their opening goal in the 13th minute, when centre-forward Billy Russell took a pass from Hardisty and banged the ball home.

Wycombe equalised in the 38th minute when outside-left Frank Smith netted from 20 yards following a faulty clearance.

Two minutes later Derek Levin, the Bishops' inside-right crashed home the ball after the goalkeeper had partially cleared.

Wycombe began to tire as the game ended and Warren Bradley, Bishops' right-winger, hooked the ball into the net following a corner in the 71st minute to give the holders a 3-1 victory.—Reuter.

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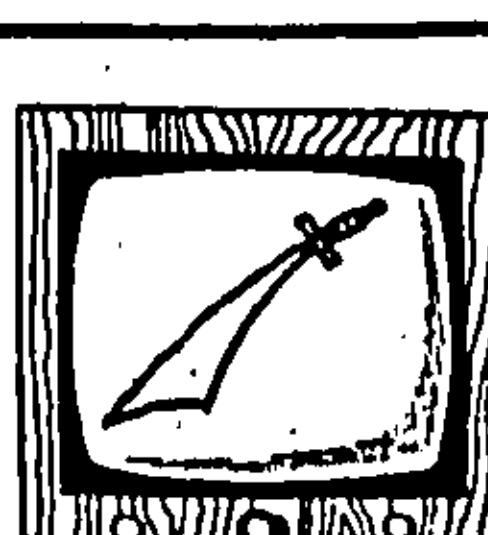
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NAMESAKES

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3 Blade
4 Sled
5 Semblance
6 Exploits
7 Three nights
8 Pieces of ground
9 Great ship
10 From North Africa
11 Middle East people
12 Ruler
13 These out?
14 Strange
15 Eastern family

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PACIFIC

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TRADE and COMMERCE SECTION

US ECONOMY IN GOOD HEALTH

Signs Of Fatigue In Areas
After Twelve Years
Of Postwar Boom

By JOHN MORKA

New York, Apr. 14.

The economic doctors gave the U.S. economy a thorough checkup last week and found it to be in good health generally. There were signs of fatigue in some areas, but this was to be expected, many insist, after 12 years of postwar boom.

Housing starts continued their decline and steel production has slipped from its highs. Auto production is above a year ago, but sales have been disappointing. Freight carloadings are below expectations and coal production is off nine per cent from its 1956 pace. Machine tool output is off 40 per cent. On the asset side of the ledger, electric power and crude oil production have held strong and steel producers still expect 1957 to be a good year, possibly a new production year. Retail sales this year have been encouraging and new savings are increasing.

Many think the economy might in effect be entering a period of temporary adjustment, reflecting shifts in inventory policy and production scheduling.

The next few weeks may hold the clue as to how good a year 1957 may be. Economists are therefore keeping close tabs on three facets of the economy in particular—auto production, retail sales and construction activity. All three are expected to enjoy a spring pickup, which should be a tonic for the whole economy, although many are disappointed with the failure of the auto industry to get rolling.

Developments

If spring brings an anticipated expansion in business, economists point out, the beneficial effects would be felt throughout the whole economy. If it doesn't, 1957 may not live up to its advance billing.

There were many encouraging developments last week. These include the following:

1. Employment during March was at a new high for the month, totalling 63,865,000, an increase of 675,000 over the previous month, and 971,000 above the March, 1956, levels. The unemployment rolls declined by 239,000 from February for an overall total of 2,882,000 jobsless. Employment conditions, according to Secretary of Commerce Sinclair Weeks are "very encouraging."

2. With wholesale prices and prices of manufactured goods leveling off over the past few weeks there is less talk about inflation.

3. Inventory buildup appears to be slackening, although stocks on hand are still considerable. Many look for a gradual leveling off in inventories over the remainder of the year.

4. Steel production, lagging in recent weeks, edged higher last week to 81 per cent of capacity, compared with 80.6 per cent and minus signs in the industry are balancing out and while not all steel firms are enjoying record production, orders appear to be close to production in most segments. This has led many steelmen to anticipate a better steel year in May and June than the industry will record this month. Large tonnages of light steel are being sold these days, replacing in part the volume of sheet orders that failed to materialize from the auto industry. If the auto industry picks up over the next few weeks, then there is the possibility that light plate might be succeeded in production, orders appearing to be close to production in most segments. This has led many steelmen to anticipate a better steel year in May and June than the industry will record this month.

5. Excellent earnings reports of steel producers, coupled with prospects of normal traffic through the Suez Canal, helped give steel prices their best advance in about nine weeks. Chemicals, oils and steels showed wide gains and the pattern of market prices so far last week has been encouraging generally, after weeks of indecision. Among the other developments which bolstered market sentiment:

R. H. Macy's, largest department store, disclosed record sales and increased earnings for the 53 weeks ended Feb. 2, with sales up 10 per cent. Lukens Steel Company caught Wall Streeters by surprise on Tuesday and spurred 5 points on the day for a new high of 70 1/2 after announcing it had tripled its net earnings for the first quarter and an extra 80-cent dividend.

6. At almost two years of surplus, the oil industry is happier about its inventory, thanks to the Suez Canal. It is expected that the oil industry will have helped stabilize total stocks by

some 90 million barrels below the levels of last October. Total stocks are now below the 600 million-barrel level, while raw crude oil stocks are estimated at between 250 and 255 million barrels. This is considered as being in balance. The crude oil price is at the lowest since 1952 and some 30 million barrels below the pre-Suez levels. Oil industry spokesmen are inclined to discount the possibility of any rollback in prices, pointing out that historically prices have seldom been cut after an increase.

The drop in crude stocks was a factor in the January hike of 35 cents a barrel for which the U.S. industry was so roundly criticized in Europe and in the United States.

But aside from these business developments, the big topic still cured these days is the proposed budget of 71.8 and prospects of a tax cut next year. Democratic political leaders in a caucus last week announced plans to move for a tax cut probably effective on January 1, if revenues continue high and spending is reduced. Some 60 million taxpayers therefore are watching the budget-cutting manoeuvres in Washington with more than passing interest. One question is that Federal spending is one of the main props beneath the nation's economy. Another is that the level of Federal spending is the key to any tax cut.

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But aside from these business developments, the big topic still cured these days is the proposed budget of 71.8 and prospects of a tax cut next year. Democratic political leaders in a caucus last week announced plans to move for a tax cut probably effective on January 1, if revenues continue high and spending is reduced. Some 60 million taxpayers therefore are watching the budget-cutting manoeuvres in Washington with more than passing interest. One question is that Federal spending is one of the main props beneath the nation's economy. Another is that the level of Federal spending is the key to any tax cut.

6. At almost two years of surplus, the oil industry is happier about its inventory, thanks to the Suez Canal. It is expected that the oil industry will have helped stabilize total stocks by

NEW YORK
COTTON
MARKET
REVIEW

By WILLIAM T. PLUNKETT

New York, Apr. 14.

Cotton futures this past week finished on higher ground for the fourth time in a row, with the rise carrying new crop months to seasonal highs.

At Friday's close the list ruled one to 21 points—5 cents to \$1.05 a bale—higher than the preceding week.

Factors generating the price-lifting power included:

1. Prospects for a boost in the government support rate for the new crop.

2. The improving statistical picture being drawn by the unexpectedly rapid rate of shipments under the government export programme.

3. Backwardness of crop work in some sections because of excessive rains, high winds and low temperatures.

Nearly old crop deliveries lagged under the weight of May liquidation, anticipating a notice day—April 24. Continued dullness in the textile market, and the quiet demand for spot cotton, handicapped the nearby market. Longs also transferred forward on the reasoning that old crop factors have been discounted and that the market hereafter is likely to be responsive to the factors.

A scarcity of contracts helped to keep the new crop months on an up-grade. Buyers found sellers wary about offering because of overhauling uncertainties dealing with farm legislation, or until the lapse of time provides the opportunity to see the crop picture in a clearer perspective.

Approximately 3,000,000 acres of the 1956-57 cotton crop are now in seed. The planting has been signed up under the soil bank. If all the remainder is planted and if abandonment is about average the area for harvest would be approximately 14,250,000 acres.

Then, experts figured, if the yield per acre should be the same as the 408 pounds obtained last year, the 1957 crop would be slightly over 12,000,000 bales compared with 13,300,000 bales in 1956.

However, some observers believed that, with the best left for cultivation and with the indicated increase in fertilization, the average yield may be fully 10 per cent higher than last year.—United Press.

The Cuts

For the individual, a cut in Federal spending—basic to any tax reduction—can be translated into dollars and cents.

Each one billion cut in the budget works out to around 18 cents for the average American family of four. If the budget were cut by two billion dollars, the average family of four could keep 36 cents. The budget would have to be cut by five billions to save each family budget to buy one Hi-Fi phonograph.—United Press.

Slack Period At
Half-Year Mark
Of Cotton Goods

New York, Apr. 14.

The business lull in cotton grey goods now at the half-year mark, gave little sign of an impending early change this past week.

Buyers continued to operate close-to-shore, taking on just what they needed for fill-in requirements, and asking for immediate shipment in most instances.

Some premium-made prints, and a few heavy-weight industrial fabrics, sold on contract, but as a rule buyers shied away from entering engagements for the third or fourth quarter.

But despite the prolonged pause, the situation is not altogether dark, some executives felt. The advent of spring, with warmer weather, and the Easter season, could change the picture before long. Millmen said they would keep a close check on the result of consumer appetite buying for the religious holidays next week.

Further Markdowns. Some converters conceded stocks have been getting low, and that any important upsurge in the consumer demand would echo back sharply at the wholesale and manufacturer level. Stocks market buoyancy, plus the pressure for tax reductions and the rising trend of raw cotton prices were other "draws in the wind" which could have a future market impact. Bullish also in "party psychology" some quarters felt. Traditionally, the second

WORLD TRADE
FAIR OPENS
IN NEW YORK

New York, Apr. 14.

The largest international trade exposition ever held in the Western Hemisphere got under way last Sunday at New York's gigantic Coliseum with the opening of the United States world trade fair featuring some \$500,000,000 worth of products from 60 nations.

An estimated 1,000,000 persons and 100,000 buyers representing all types of commercial outlets are expected to attend the two-week showing culminating years of preparing.

Three thousand exhibitors are participating in the trade extravaganza, with nearly 1,000 of these from Europe alone, including three from Curbin nations, Poland, Czechoslovakia, and Yugoslavia.

Japan, continuing its aggressive campaign for world markets, is making the strongest bid for new business. A widely diversified display of Japanese products put together by the Japan External Trade Recovery Organisation will be featured in 92 booths. Visitors to the Japanese section will be able to see Japan's progress in the production of high quality industrial goods as well as aircraft, including items ranging from traditional handwork to baseball mitts and advanced scientific equipment.

Japanese Exhibits

A feature of the Japanese exhibit will be the Japan modern crafts centre, covering 1,000 square feet. Prefabricated in Japan, it is being reassembled here and is designed to illustrate Japanese art and simplicity in design.

Great Britain, France, West Germany, are among the nations which will be heavily represented. Fifty British firms will show their wares in 22 booths. In addition, nine other companies will feature such products as hosiery and knitwear, footwear, motor cycles and autos, among others. A special booth sponsored by the Government Information Office will feature four major British industries: Travel, atomic energy, woolens and aircraft.

Among other participating nations: Argentina, Australia, Austria, Belgium, West Germany, Burma, Cambodia, Canada, Ceylon, Formosa, Cuba, Denmark, Dominican Republic, Egypt, Finland, Greece, Hong Kong, India, Indonesia, Ireland, Israel, Kenya, Korea, Lebanon, Liberia, Mexico, Morocco, the Netherlands, Nigeria, Norway, Pakistan, Panama, Peru, Puerto Rico, Philippines, Portugal, Rhodesia, Thailand, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Tunisia, Turkey, Union of South Africa, Venezuela and the United States.

Forty-three countries will also have national pavilions at the fair, with special exhibits of national, tourist and recreation facilities, as well as entertainment and cultural exhibits.

Panorama of Goods

The list of products which will be displayed reads like a panorama of the latest in man's technological and handicraft progress.

From Great Britain, displays of peace time uses of atomic energy. Germany will feature a wide assortment of machines, tools, hardware, cutlery, among others. From Hong Kong—ash-trays, aluminium wares, baskets, batteries, blouses, buttons and cameras; Mexico—refined silver, phonograph records, leather goods, cotton, beer; Venezuela—petroleum products, coffee, sugar, gold and pearl jewellery, emeralds; the Netherlands—diamonds, silver, the art of diamond polishing, cheeses, chocolates and assorted food products; Japan—textiles, cameras, optical goods, bicycles and parts, bamboo, toys, sporting goods; France—wines, odd beverages, leather goods, silver, large—champagnes, delicacies, food products, handcraft; Scandinavia—handcrafts, delicacies; Greece—food products, sculpture and paintings; Italy—high quality wines, cheeses and a wide assortment of other products; Czechoslovakia—silver, handcraft, bronzes, handcrafts; Ireland—linens, woolens, handcraft; and many others.

In rayon and synthetic fabrics, business continued on the quiet side with prices firm and mostly unchanged.—United Press.

IMMENSE ACTIVITY
ON LONDON MART
FOR BUDGET WEEK

London, Apr. 14.

The stock market celebrated Budget week with an immense burst of activity; bargains recorded 65,792, the highest for any week since July, 1955.

The atmosphere before the Budget was much more bullish than it was after the Budget. In the week before, the Financial Times index of leading industrials rose smartly by nearly 5 points—4.9 points—but in the three trading days after the Budget the rise was 0.8 point, less than 1 full point. And the rise was largely concentrated on the shares of those concerns operating overseas and likely to gain from the complete escape of their profits from U.K. taxation.

But domestically the big feature was the announcement of the merger of Courtaulds and British Celanese, making them the solitary giant in the rayon field. Courtaulds offer was extremely generous and British Celanese shares fairly soared. The ordinary jumped 7 1/2, the first preference 4 1/2, and the second preference 1 1/2.

Courtaulds obviously has some big idea in mind but the market was not interested and Courtaulds shares closed unchanged.

Among the blue chips, Woolworths, Bovater Paper and Rolls-Royce gained 2/8 and Imperial Chemicals and Associated Electricals 1/8.

Profit-Taking. Oils, which have been haphazard in their movements for many weeks continue to rise in their price. Their prices are very high and then suffer from profit-taking. Shell Transport gained 3/8. British Petroleum gained only 1/8 and Anglo-Egyptian "B" fell one shilling. Suez Canal which moves in the same way as the others, fell 1/8.

German had an active week, non-assented 7 per cent Polish gained 3/8 and the assented 2 1/2 of the 6 1/2 per cent, both the assented and non-assented rose 1/8. Chinese were ultra-strong with the 1957-58 up 2 1/2. Japanese 1007s non-assented gained 1/8 and the non-assented moved fractionally both up and down.

British Governments drifted lower all week, losing as much as 12/8. Old Consols and War Loans both lost 1/8. 10 shillings. Chief factor here has been the selling by investors who are pinched by the high cost of living and who feel that if they switch into sound industrial shares their income may improve and their eventually increase to its former dimensions.—United Press.

On Monday, weather permitting the New York skyline and Hudson River will be alive with what promises to be sensational display of fireworks. The first fireworks display in almost half a century will light up Manhattan skies that with some 2,000,000 persons expected to line New York and New Jersey shorelines for the best view.

Two and a half tons of fireworks donated as a gift to the City of New York from Jetro (Japan External Trade Recovery Organisation) and the Japan Trade Centre, will be handled by special Japanese technicians, headed by Toshio Ogata, President of the Marutamaya Ogata Fireworks, a twelfth generation fireworks expert.—United Press.

NAMESAKES

Abdullah—1 Mahomet, 2 Mecca, 3 Scimitar, 4 Horse, 5 Dugliss, 6 Adventures, 7 Arabian, 8 Plots, 9 Eastern, 10 Arab, 11 Saracens, 12 Caliph, 13 Nights, 14 Mysterious, 15 Abdade, Haroun Al Raschid.

Exchange Rates

Business was done in the local unofficial exchange market this morning at the following rates: U.S. dollar (per \$1) 6.20, Sterling notes (per £1) 16.53, Australian notes (per £1) 12.53, Indonesian rupiah (per 100) 16.50, gram tical (per 100) 25.20, Singapore (Straits) 1.50.

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The Bank of England
Statement

London, Apr. 14.

The Bank of England statement for the week ended April 10, reads as follows:

Notes in circulation sterling 1,252,000,074
Public deposits 20,115,844
Private deposits 186,320,000
Government securities 10,462,000,000
Treasury bills 1,252,000,000
Total 12,722,500,000

The Bank of France
Statement

Paris, Apr. 14.

The Bank of France statement for the week ending April 9, reads as follows:

Total gold holdings 201,200,000,000
Total other assets 14,115,000,000
Total 215,315,000,000
Liabilities 215,315,000,000
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MONDAY, APRIL 15, 1957

SHEAFFER'S
ADMIRAL "SNORKEL" PEN

RAF PLANE CRASHES THROUGH FENCE KAI TAK MISHAP PILOT REPORTED UNHURT

An R.A.F. twin-engined Beaufighter, landing at Kai Tak this morning after a training flight, skidded half way down the runway, swerved right, knocked down an iron fence and came to rest in the public enclosure of the civil airport.

FOUND WITH OPIUM UNDER HER BED: \$2,000 FINE

A 45-year-old woman was given the alternative of a \$2,000 fine or three months in prison by Mr. T. L. Yang at Kowloon Court this morning for being in possession of about two pounds of opium.

The drug was found by police who raided the third floor cubicle apartment of the defendant, Kwan Lee, at 84 Kwong Wah Street on the Evening of April 12.

Police said in evidence that the opium was concealed in Lee's mattress and in a container with a false bottom under her bed.

FINED \$1,000

Cheng Hoo-lung 39, of 3 Sai Yuen Lane, first floor, was this morning fined \$1,000 or four months in prison by Mr. Hui-shing Lo at Central Magistracy, for importation of two pounds and six ounces of raw opium on board the ss Jacob Jensen on April 6.

He was also charged with possession of opium.

Mr. J. C. Stewart of Stewart and Company, appeared for the defendant, told the Magistrate that his client has been in Hongkong for the last 21 years.

He had a wife, three children, in Hongkong and parents in China to support.

Mr. Stewart further said that his client was one of the crew on board the ss Jacob Jensen, and was asked to convey the opium from Bangkok to Hongkong.

Mr. Stewart further added that his client was in financial difficulties at the time.

The enclosure was deserted at the time. The plane was damaged, but the pilot was not injured.

The Beaufighter landed on runway 07 when it suddenly swerved right near the Hongkong Aircraft Engineering Company's hangar.

It mounted the grass on the runway's side, plunged through the fence and, after about 20 yards, mounted the grass-topped concourse in the middle of the public enclosure.

UNDERCARRIAGE SMASHED

The undercarriage was smashed, the right propeller was broken and the tail slightly damaged.

Mr. Michael Funk, airport supervisor, was the first to reach the plane. The pilot got out of his seat and told him he was unhurt.

Meanwhile, firefighting and rescue squads arrived, but their services were not required. Police have cordoned off the area.

The plane's registration number is RD771.

H.E. Visits Exhibition

His Excellency the Governor, Sir Alexander Grantham, spent half an hour at the Traffic Exhibition at the Hongkong Jockey Club this morning, viewing various proposed models for the improvement of traffic conditions in the Central district and other congested areas.

Sir Alexander was received at the entrance by Mr. A. C. Maxwell, Commissioner of Police, Mr. Alexander Morrison, Senior Traffic Superintendent, Mr. Peter Moor, Assistant Traffic Superintendent, and Mr. A. F. May, Engineer of Hongkong Electric Co.

Accompanied by Morrison on the tour, the Governor was shown various traffic signs, graphs and figures, illustrating the importance of the need for road safety.

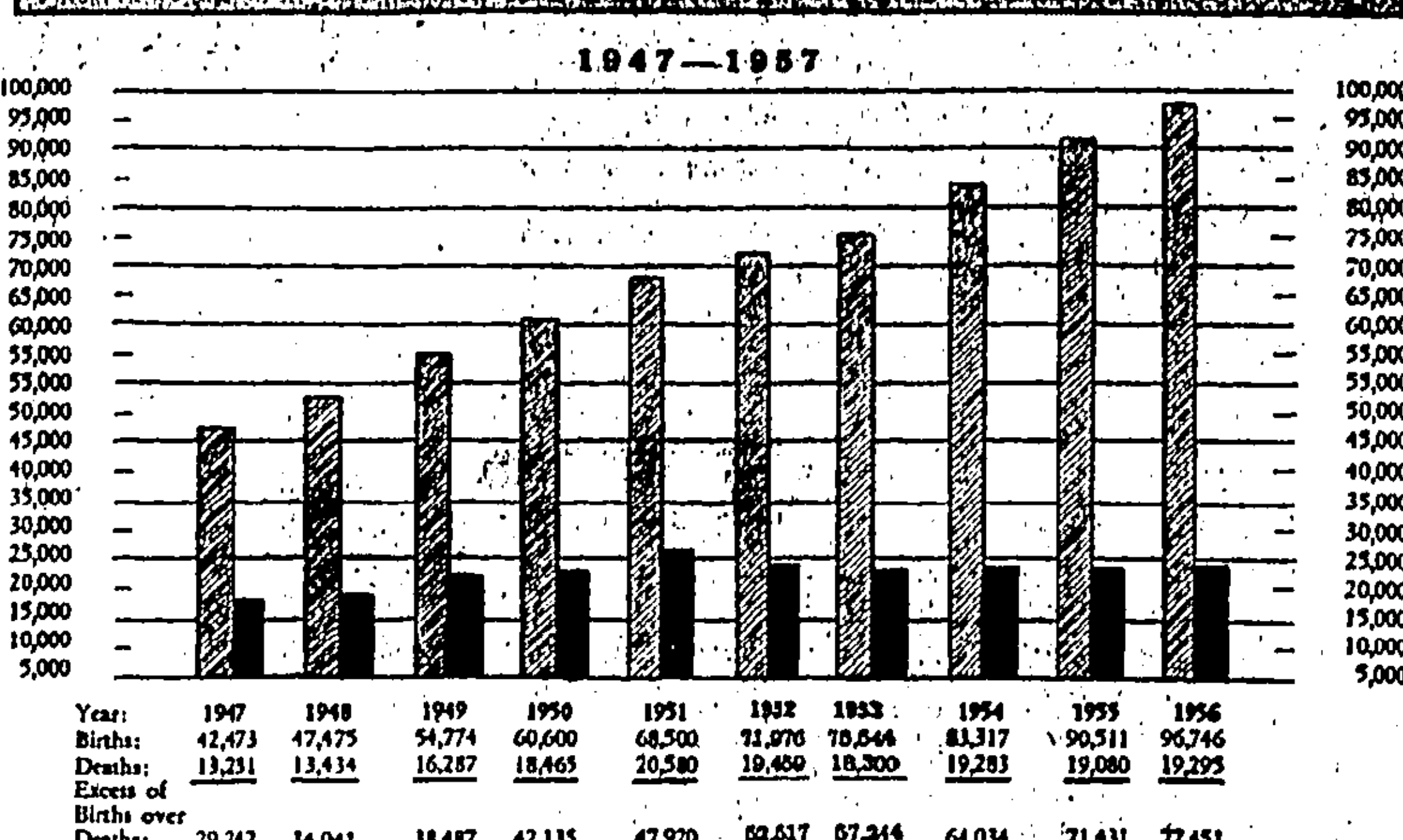
Mr. Morrison showed the Governor the proposed buildings to be constructed on the second Central Reclamation land, with solutions to both vehicular and pedestrian congestions.

The Governor also examined the model of the cross-harbour bridge, which had been proposed by the Manager of the Harriman Realty Co.

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HOW HONGKONG'S POPULATION HAS BEEN GROWING



-AND 80,000 THIS YEAR?

In Friday's China Mail, the Family Planning Association reported that the Colony's population may reach four million by 1957.

The above diagram prepared by the FPA illustrates how Hongkong's population has grown in the last 10 years.

The Family Planning Association says there is no evidence yet to show that the trend of population growth is likely to change much over the next few years and an increase of at least 80,000 seems likely for 1957.

Big Outbreaks Of Flu And Measles In HK

(Continued from Page 1)

term has ended now and the children are on holidays—I hope they got over it all before school starts again.

Mrs. J. Symonds, Headmistress of Diocesan Girls' School, said: "We've had more cases than last year. We've had some down with chicken pox, but most of those who were sick had measles. Also most of the cases have been in the junior school."

The Rev. George She, Headmaster of Diocesan Boys' School, said among 20 cases of illness last week, about six to eight boys had measles and the rest had been victims of the flu epidemic.

"The age-group of the boys who have been taken ill seems to be around 11-14 years. Fortunately none of the teachers have been taken sick, though the janitor's staff has been affected. The flu seems to be accompanied by high fever and I imagine the change of weather we've been having in the last few days is responsible for it."

Major Evan Stewart, Headmaster of St Paul's Boys' College, said that up to the Chinese Mid-Autumn holiday he did not know of one boy who had been taken ill with measles or chicken pox. "I think there was almost complete attendance."

Dr. Coombes said the incidence of chicken pox was "not so bad."

"We've had about 145 cases so far this year compared with about 270 cases last year with two deaths. This year's figures are not out of the ordinary, and after all this is the season for it," he said.

It was impossible for the Government Health Department to assess the extent of the influenza epidemic because flu was not a notifiable disease.

But on reports from hospitals, Dr. Coombes said there seemed to be more cases than usual.

"We have not got any information on the type of flu. It is common in Japan at this time of year, but I don't know whether Hongkong has been affected by it," he said.

"The duration of the flu seems to vary. Some seem to be much more ill than others. Some have it for a few days and others for a fortnight."

One day last week about 500 were seen standing in a queue outside a private clinic waiting for treatment.

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RIOTS TRIAL RESUMES AT THE SUPREME COURT

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All 14 were present in Court today.

The accused before Mr. Justice C. W. Rees and a Special Jury are Fung Kam, Sham Yan-Kit, Tong Hol-cheung, Lau Yee-on, Wong Hoi, Mok Ming, Cheuk Lim-ching, Chan Yat-tai, Chan Wing-kwan, Chan Kwong, Wu Kan-sang, Cheng Yung-hung, Ma Mon-kit, and Leung Yat-ming. Sham and Cheuk are represented by Mr. H. L. Hu, instructed by Mr. W. I. Cheung, of P. H. Sin and Co.

Mr. W. S. Collier, and Mr. D. N. E. Rea, Crown Counsel, are prosecuting, assisted by Det. Inspector P. J. Clancy.

More police witnesses were called this morning to identify the accused. They testified that they were part of a party of police who went to the Pao Hsing Cotton Mills after 5 p.m. on October 11 last year in an attempt to keep order. They saw a large and noisy crowd outside the mill, some were carrying Nationalist flags and some were carrying sticks and stones.

PC Leung Kuen said the crowd appeared to be "ferocious." He identified the second accused, Sham, saying this man was holding a stone in either hand and walking up and down.

The third accused, Chan, was identified by Det. PC Choy King-fai who said he was "waving his right hand and shouting something which I did not catch."

PC Choy added that he went up to Chan and told him "Don't do that. Go away." Then he got busy trying to quieten others in the crowd and had to leave Chan for a while. When he returned to the place, Chan was still there.

The witness said Chan was also picked up by Chiu at Chatham Road Camp on October 22.

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Tiny Dogs On Way To Colony

Three highly pedigreed chihuahuas, some of the tiniest dogs in the world, will be arriving in Hongkong on Wednesday for breeding purposes.

One of them has already been mated and is expected to produce a litter in four weeks' time. Another is a champion.

The animals are being flown here from California by JAL and expected to arrive at 8.30 a.m.

Mrs. Greer of the Kennel Club will be taking delivery of the dogs which have been ordered by Mr. Paul Chan of Diamond Hill.

As far as is known there is only one "chih" in Hongkong at present. It was exhibited at the Dog Show in February.

The average weight of a chihuahua is from two to six pounds. Its name is taken from a state and city in Mexico, and south-west U.S.A. and is borrowed to antedate the Aztec civilisation.

Studio Hongkong

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JOHN CLARK'S CASEBOOK

Spring Morning

PERHAPS Jill said: "I dare you," and wrinkled her pretty nose, thereby somehow transforming a challenge into a command. Or perhaps James, bewitched, said: "Jill, I will give you anything in the world, how about one of those little wallets in that showcase for a start?"

Something like that. It was early three in the morning, on a night when the air was sweeter to young people than usual. James and Jill had been walking along the Strand, had paused by the shop outside which the wallet-laden showcase hung.

THEY began to rattle the padlock and hear which held the showcase's door in place. It yielded, but the operation made so much noise that a policeman on the opposite pavement came over to see what it was about.

He arrived to find Jill with a wallet in her hand. "If you hadn't come," she giggled, "I'd have kept it."

The policeman arrested the duffle-coated couple for theft of the wallet. From the dock at Bow Street, a little later, James, a fat-chubby 20-year-old, and Jill, a girl of 17, pleaded guilty.

Jill wriggled her nose, pleaded not guilty, and turned to James to whisper what looked like a quite shockingly improper remark about the year-old policeman.

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SIDE GLANCES By Galbraith



"Oh, I've asked my husband to teach me how to park, officer—but he says he'd rather pay the tickets!"

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